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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1931, AND JANUARY, 1931.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1931; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$2,761,929, compared with \$7,895,106 in December, 1931, and \$8,401,456 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 67.1 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,200,000, and nearly 800 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,300,000, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1931, the gain of \$87,343 or 97.8 p.c., in Alberta and of \$95,603, or 34.1 p.c., in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$2,813,551, or 72.8 p.c., in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1931, there were increases of 55.3 p.c. and 4.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia and Alberta, respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,942,421 or 73.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1931. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Belleville, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Lethbridge.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in January	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in January, (1926=100)	Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in January, (1926 average=100)
1932	\$2,761,929	58.5	79.5
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.3
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.3
1921	2,595,364	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1932 figure for January was lower than in most years of this record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1932, and December and January, 1931. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1932	December, 1931	January, 1931
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	77,386	70,355	49,840
x Halifax	64,786	70,305	44,840
New Glasgow	Nil	50	5,000
x Sydney	12,600	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	7,740	7,315	80,875
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1/	360	Nil
x Saint John	7,740	6,955	80,875
Quebec	929,925	3,086,810	1,466,442
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	865,360	2,982,690	1,028,570
x Quebec	34,865	83,195	317,247
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	500	Nil
x Sherbrooke	16,800	9,300	93,900
x Three Rivers	11,600	9,000	26,725
x Westmount	1,300	2,125	Nil
Ontario	1,053,121	3,866,672	3,995,542
Belleville	2,500	Nil	200
x Brantford	46,064	55,958	71,137
Chatham	1,700	56,450	2,300
x Fort William	8,700	10,200	14,000
Galt	745	26,862	7,350
x Guelph	4,075	10,116	36,525
x Hamilton	79,750	557,250	158,200
x Kingston	13,375	19,277	14,800
x Kitchener	14,803	22,394	72,550
x London	69,380	50,225	322,650
Niagara Falls	1,900	15,521	5,305
Oshawa	1,450	900	49,050
x Ottawa	82,690	96,810	40,400
Owen Sound	3,500	4,500	Nil
x Peterborough	800	200	7,525
x Port Arthur	3,950	2,970	925
x Stratford	1,390	7,745	11,530
x St. Catharines	21,250	22,527	4,458
x St. Thomas	1,789	Nil	880
Sarnia	1,825	14,522	9,525
Sault Ste. Marie	1,145	9,825	1,158
x Toronto	540,696	2,630,181	2,613,694
York and East York Townships	132,059	164,685	494,558
Welland	300	6,150	14,990
x Windsor	10,950	66,625	7,350
East Windsor	Nil	3,556	500
Riverside	1/	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,200
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	17,000
Woodstock	3,335	11,223	15,782
Manitoba	106,315	465,970	111,427
x Brandon	Nil	225,870	2
St. Boniface	1,315	163,600	75
x Winnipeg	105,000	76,500	111,350
Saskatchewan	34,490	27,978	431,709
x Moose Jaw	Nil	150	179,051
x Regina	30,390	25,728	34,083
x Saskatoon	4,100	2,100	218,575
Alberta	176,651	89,308	169,433
x Calgary	43,851	57,700	93,428
x Edmonton	22,700	4,890	26,100
Lethbridge	110,100	3,718	47,555
Medicine Hat	Nil	23,000	2,350
British Columbia	376,301	280,698	2,096,188
Kamloops	1,050	2,020	6,505
Nanaimo	3,926	24,125	350
x New Westminster	7,500	11,250	198,860
Prince Rupert	2,835	1,235	2,940
x Vancouver	339,360	215,900	1,797,550
North Vancouver	4,060	2,800	11,765
x Victoria	17,570	23,368	78,218
Total - 61 Cities	2,761,929	7,895,106	8,401,456
x Total - 35 Cities	2,485,184	7,359,864	7,705,998

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1932, AND FEBRUARY, 1931.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$183,332 or 6.6 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$3,817,062 or 59.7 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$2,578,597 during February, 1932, as compared with \$2,761,929 in January, 1932, and \$6,395,659 in February, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,100,000, and more than 800 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,400,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$20,495, was reported in Brantford. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,300,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932; the largest gain, of \$120,494, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$132,611 or 14.3 p.c. in Quebec, and \$129,635 or 34.4 p.c. in British Columbia were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1931, all provinces recorded declines, that of \$1,494,239 or 85.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932, but a reduction as compared with February, 1931. In Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February as compared with January, 1932, and February, 1931: - Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Brandon and Saskatoon.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1932	\$ 2,578,597	\$ 5,340,526	45.0	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,042	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1932 was lower than in the same months of 1931 and earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were also considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1932	January, 1932	February, 1931
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	66,400	77,386	113,350
x Halifax	66,225	64,786	113,150
New Glasgow	175	Nil	200
x Sydney	Nil	12,600	Nil
New Brunswick	14,055	7,740	28,525
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,600	Nil	1,400
x Saint John	2,455	7,740	27,125
Quebec	797,314	929,925	1,208,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	727,599	865,360	1,078,860
x Quebec	34,015	34,865	46,457
Shawinigan Falls	5,000	Nil	4,000
x Sherbrooke	25,900	16,800	5,150
x Three Rivers	600	11,600	24,350
x Westmount	4,200	1,300	49,638
Ontario	1,173,615	1,053,121	2,201,442
Belleville	200	2,500	3,400
x Brantford	23,115	46,064	80,697
Chatham	2,325	1,700	69,950
x Fort William	1,650	8,700	98,300
Galt	2,450	745	100
x Guelph	6,270	4,075	1,033
x Hamilton	105,300	79,750	322,400
x Kingston	3,115	13,375	75,945
x Kitchener	31,335	14,803	11,173
x London	32,245	69,380	43,270
Niagara Falls	5,230	1,900	8,950
Oshawa	155	1,450	1,850
x Ottawa	139,700	82,690	38,600
Owen Sound	Nil	3,500	6,000
x Peterborough	10,650	800	9,000
x Port Arthur	60	3,950	9,989
x Stratford	350	1,390	24,650
x St. Catharines	42,120	21,250	9,755
x St. Thomas	2,650	1,789	2,800
Sarnia	2,365	1,825	19,089
Sault Ste. Marie	8,000	1,145	2,335
x Toronto	604,750	540,696	1,159,282
York & East York Townships	97,295	132,059	174,581
Welland	2,160	300	2,160
x Windsor	14,300	10,950	16,246
East Windsor	33,000	Nil	Nil
Riverside	-	Nil	600
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,600
Walkerville	Nil	3,000	7,000
Woodstock	2,825	3,335	647
Manitoba	63,750	106,315	600,350
x Brandon	1,250	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	1,315	350
x Winnipeg	62,500	105,000	600,000
Saskatchewan	37,426	34,490	285,504
x Moose Jaw	Nil	Nil	1,655
x Regina	19,926	30,390	268,359
x Saskatoon	17,500	4,100	15,490
Alberta	179,371	176,651	217,128
x Calgary	141,511	43,851	153,347
x Edmonton	30,465	22,700	46,650
Lethbridge	7,035	110,100	11,176
Medicine Hat	360	Nil	5,955
British Columbia	246,666	376,301	1,740,905
Kamloops	400	1,050	15,335
Nanaimo	5,300	3,926	5,675
x New Westminster	16,845	7,500	25,200
Prince Rupert	10,035	2,835	14,860
x Vancouver	193,665	339,360	1,622,335
North Vancouver	3,150	4,060	7,715
x Victoria	17,271	17,570	49,785
Total - 61 Cities	2,578,597	2,761,929	6,395,659
Total - 35 Cities	2,391,137	2,485,184	6,022,091

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1932,
AND MARCH, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1932.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$3,323,602; this was an increase of \$745,005 or 28.9 p.c., over the February total of \$2,578,597, but a decrease of \$6,625,377 or 66.6 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$9,948,979 reported for the same month in 1931. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, were, however, lower than in 1931 and any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$900,000 and some 1,100 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$2,200,000. In addition, three centres reported that they had authorized five engineering projects valued at approximately \$128,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and nearly 800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$20,495, was also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$584,320 or 49.8 p.c. in Quebec, and \$180,899 or 48.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$93,968 or 52.4 p.c. in Alberta was greatest.

As compared with March, 1931, all provinces recorded decreases; the largest reduction was that of \$2,419,029 or 71.8 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a gain as compared with the preceding month, but a falling-off as compared with March of last year. Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed declines in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Three Rivers, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, Sandwich, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1932, or March, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March, and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1932	\$ 3,323,602	\$ 8,664,128	38.5	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.3
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.6
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	100.1
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,274	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	82.0	103.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	135.7
1920	8,736,675	13,909,936	84.1	139.4

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1932 was less than in the same period in any of the years since 1920, but, as already stated, the wholesale prices of building materials have this year been considerably lower than in the same period in any of the last twelve years.

Cities	March, 1932	February, 1932	March, 1931
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	55,850	66,400	222,735
x Halifax	50,560	66,225	220,485
New Glasgow	770	175	1,700
x Sydney	4,520	Nil	550
New Brunswick	15,755	14,055	29,730
Fredericton	1,500	Nil	8,600
x Moncton	1,750	11,600	2,800
x Saint John	12,505	2,455	18,330
Quebec	950,393	797,314	3,369,422
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	839,108	727,599	2,970,148
x Quebec	71,785	34,015	241,924
Shawinigan Falls	700	5,000	300
x Sherbrooke	14,000	25,900	24,000
x Three Rivers	24,150	600	15,800
x Westmount	650	4,200	117,250
Ontario	1,697,935	1,173,615	3,143,686
Belleville	2,400	200	400
x Brantford	20,028	23,115	62,043
Chatham	6,700	2,325	15,000
x Fort William	11,050	1,650	10,900
Galt	18,521	2,450	16,525
x Guelph	25,425	6,270	20,605
x Hamilton	113,500	105,300	783,950
x Kingston	12,645	3,115	12,157
x Kitchener	4,710	31,335	39,121
x London	79,060	32,245	150,835
Niagara Falls	690	5,230	6,380
Oshawa	1,475	155	20,500
x Ottawa	350,275	139,700	325,240
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	7,500
x Peterborough	12,475	10,650	145
x Port Arthur	2,725	60	6,268
x Stratford	1,020	350	7,803
x St. Catharines	5,144	42,120	158,085
x St. Thomas	600	2,650	6,140
Sarnia	7,570	2,365	16,150
Sault Ste. Marie	12,067	8,000	56,631
x Toronto	588,646	604,750	892,911
York & East York Townships	385,509	97,295	466,580
Welland	5,750	2,160	14,195
x Windsor	13,475	14,300	29,455
East Windsor	994	33,000	2,550
Riverside	Nil	-	3,150
Sandwich	4,500	Nil	450
Walkerville	4,000	Nil	8,000
Woodstock	7,381	2,825	4,017
Manitoba	41,200	63,750	311,277
x Brandon	500	1,250	77
St. Boniface	4,850	Nil	4,550
x Winnipeg	35,850	62,500	306,650
Saskatchewan	218,325	37,426	370,504
x Moose Jaw	111,800	Nil	11,604
x Regina	94,500	19,926	244,450
x Saskatoon	12,025	17,500	114,450
Alberta	85,403	179,371	1,281,023
x Calgary	49,943	141,511	208,090
x Edmonton	31,410	30,465	55,125
Lethbridge	2,405	7,035	1,009,600
Medicine Hat	1,645	360	8,208
British Columbia	258,741	246,666	1,220,602
Kamloops	975	400	39,800
Nanaimo	8,215	5,300	170
x New Westminster	12,675	16,845	45,975
Prince Rupert	12,965	10,035	9,518
x Vancouver	186,715	193,665	1,001,135
North Vancouver	11,350	3,150	9,935
x Victoria	25,846	17,271	114,069
Total - 61 Cities	3,323,602	2,578,597	9,948,979
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,820,670	2,391,137	8,218,570

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1932,
 AND APRIL, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$4,237,160 during April, as compared with \$3,323,602 in the preceding month, and \$13,495,165 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$913,555 or 27.5 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$9,258,005, or 68.6 p.c., as compared with April, 1931. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past twelve years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 450 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,100,000 and for nearly 2,000 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,700,000. In addition, four cities - Brantford, Port Arthur, St. Boniface and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$224,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of nearly 400 dwellings and 1,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$900,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively, while five engineering projects valued at approximately \$128,000 were also reported.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1932, the greatest gain of \$345,583 taking place in Alberta.

As compared with April, 1931, New Brunswick reported an increase in the value of the building authorized, while the remaining provinces recorded decreases, that of \$3,107,498, or 78.9 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but declines as compared with April, 1931, while in Montreal there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Chatham, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Thomas, Welland, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1932, and April, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100)
1932	\$ 4,237,160	\$12,901,288	31.1	79.2
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.8
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,310,823	101.9	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was below the average for the months, January-April, in the years since 1920. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also decidedly lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1932, and April, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1932	March, 1932	April, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	213,207	55,850	1,179,865
x Halifax	108,256	50,560	1,117,945
New Glasgow	26,250	770	57,450
x Sydney	78,701	4,520	4,470
New Brunswick	260,290	15,755	121,460
Fredericton	2,700	1,500	Nil
x Moncton	32,140	1,750	78,015
x Saint John	225,450	12,505	43,445
Quebec	830,064	950,393	3,937,562
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	661,312	839,108	3,226,562
x Quebec	69,557	7,785	222,965
Shawinigan Falls	7,350	700	5,410
x Sherbrooke	17,600	14,000	300,700
x Three Rivers	31,970	24,150	36,295
x Westmount	42,275	650	145,630
Ontario	1,820,222	1,697,935	3,960,807
Belleville	17,125	2,400	21,700
x Brantford	35,361	20,028	41,478
Chatham	9,360	6,700	4,440
x Fort William	40,850	11,050	53,400
Galt	13,151	18,521	22,397
x Guelph	11,100	25,425	33,243
x Hamilton	97,750	113,500	389,300
x Kingston	88,910	12,645	54,485
x Kitchener	137,664	4,710	58,970
x London	87,180	79,060	214,220
Niagara Falls	36,002	690	34,260
Oshawa	8,685	1,475	6,475
x Ottawa	144,775	350,275	466,645
Owen Sound	4,600	Nil	15,000
x Peterborough	11,360	12,475	37,872
x Port Arthur	17,666	2,725	41,180
x Stratford	4,200	1,020	17,798
x St. Catharines	11,919	5,144	77,100
x St. Thomas	13,750	200	13,620
Sarnia	5,035	7,570	10,922
Sault Ste. Marie	9,453	12,067	29,245
x Toronto	817,173	588,646	1,734,630
York & East York Townships	157,188	385,509	471,855
Welland	21,080	5,750	19,620
x Windsor	10,625	13,475	44,190
East Windsor	Nil	994	990
Riverside	-	Nil	2,950
Sandwich	5,650	4,500	1,600
Walkerville	Nil	4,000	18,000
Woodstock	2,610	7,381	23,222
Manitoba	198,567	41,200	1,084,822
x Brandon	4,997	500	21,027
St. Boniface	154,370	4,850	14,445
x Winnipeg	139,200	35,850	1,049,350
Saskatchewan	195,477	218,325	795,781
x Moose Jaw	160,152	111,800	44,166
x Regina	18,175	94,500	110,995
x Saskatoon	17,150	12,025	640,620
Alberta	430,986	85,403	470,613
x Calgary	250,279	49,943	276,333
x Edmonton	160,400	31,410	173,085
Lethbridge	12,512	2,405	19,220
Medicine Hat	7,795	1,645	1,975
British Columbia	288,347	258,741	1,944,255
Kamloops	4,080	975	14,255
Nanaimo	1,225	8,215	1,945
x New Westminster	8,260	12,675	52,950
Prince Rupert	1,020	12,965	24,755
x Vancouver	211,950	186,715	1,730,635
North Vancouver	5,490	11,350	12,080
x Victoria	56,322	25,846	107,635
Total - 61 Cities	4,237,160	3,323,602	13,495,165
x Total - 35 Cities	3,824,429	2,820,670	12,660,954

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1932,
 AND MAY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1932, was higher by 24.8 p.c. than in April, 1932, but lower by 56.3 p.c. than in May, 1931. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$5,289,506 as compared with \$4,237,160 in the preceding month and \$12,115,291 in May, 1931. The total for the first five months of 1932, namely, \$18,190,794, was lower than that for the corresponding period of any of the years since 1920. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record, averaging 79.0 p.c. for the first five months as compared with 83.7 p.c. and 92.8 p.c. in the same periods of 1931 and 1930, respectively.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost over \$3,800,000. In addition three cities - Brantford, Port Arthur and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$130,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively.

Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases of 76.7 p.c., 458.0 p.c. and 86.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1932. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$220,001 or 84.5 p.c. in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1931, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered increases. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$3,452,712 or 69.6 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg reported a higher total of building permits issued than in either April, 1932, or May, 1931, Montreal registering a gain compared with April, 1932, but a loss compared with May, 1931, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fort William, Kingston, Port Arthur, Saskatoon and Edmonton recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100)
1932	\$ 5,289,506	\$ 18,190,794	30.3	79.0
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.7
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	92.8
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.1
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was thus only 18.8 p.c. of the total for the same period of 1929, the high level of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1932	April, 1932	May, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	106,340	213,207	225,530
x Halifax	95,230	108,256	192,150
New Glasgow	2,450	26,250	7,005
x Sydney	8,660	13,701	26,375
New Brunswick	40,289	260,290	206,050
Fredericton	3,900	2,700	17,960
x Moncton	12,390	32,140	70,590
x Saint John	23,999	225,450	117,505
Quebec	1,466,638	830,064	4,449,753
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,310,691	661,312	3,639,504
x Quebec	115,407	69,557	590,054
Shawinigan Falls	2,000	7,350	8,890
x Sherbrooke	19,800	17,600	46,100
x Three Rivers	13,415	31,970	32,505
x Westmount	5,325	42,275	132,700
Ontario	1,510,734	1,820,222	4,963,446
Belleville	18,800	17,125	127,925
x Brantford	7,507	35,361	35,154
Chatham	8,600	9,360	11,300
x Fort William	63,200	40,850	36,450
Galt	12,438	13,151	20,045
x Guelph	16,580	11,100	24,185
x Hamilton	111,000	97,750	489,000
x Kingston	108,390	88,910	71,351
x Kitchener	19,027	137,664	73,981
x London	62,790	87,180	193,915
Niagara Falls	9,802	36,002	21,740
Oshawa	5,539	8,685	8,865
x Ottawa	131,390	144,775	647,255
Owen Sound	2,200	4,600	14,025
x Peterborough	16,255	11,360	37,175
x Port Arthur	156,250	17,666	31,685
x Stratford	7,428	4,200	10,593
x St. Catharines	14,123	11,919	18,542
x St. Thomas	3,874	13,750	625
Sarnia	15,407	5,035	15,675
Sault Ste. Marie	12,630	9,453	47,275
x Toronto	514,482	817,173	1,701,673
York & East York Townships	170,628	157,188	1,184,565
Welland	3,790	21,080	34,015
x Windsor	2,945	10,625	58,640
East Windsor	1,090	Nil	5,000
Riverside	-	-	5,075
Sandwich	900	5,650	7,625
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	3,000
Woodstock	10,669	2,610	26,692
Manitoba	1,107,842	198,567	577,637
x Brandon	6,757	4,997	7,377
St. Boniface	28,335	54,370	19,260
x Winnipeg	1,072,750	139,200	551,000
Saskatchewan	365,050	195,477	266,385
x Moose Jaw	9,350	160,152	4,280
x Regina	25,695	18,175	54,555
x Saskatoon	330,005	17,150	207,550
Alberta	430,633	430,986	433,652
x Calgary	74,008	250,279	213,355
x Edmonton	346,980	160,400	190,830
Lethbridge	9,060	12,512	25,765
Medicine Hat	585	7,795	3,702
British Columbia	261,980	288,347	992,833
Kamloops	11,375	4,080	18,964
Nanaimo	75	1,225	3,285
x New Westminster	15,145	8,260	54,250
Prince Rupert	3,965	1,020	23,250
x Vancouver	203,465	211,950	826,910
North Vancouver	1,700	5,490	17,784
x Victoria	26,255	56,322	48,390
Total - 61 Cities	5,289,506	4,237,160	12,115,291
x Total - 35 Cities	4,950,568	3,824,429	10,436,704

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1932,
 AND JUNE, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$4,386,349; this was a decrease of \$903,157 or 17.1 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$5,289,506, while in comparison with June, 1931, there was also a decline of \$4,207,609, or 49.0 p.c., the value for that month having been \$8,593,958. The aggregate for the first six months of 1932, viz., \$22,577,143, was lower than in 1931 and also than in any other year of the record; in this connection, however, it is important to note the considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index having fallen from 144.5 in January-June, 1920, to 78.6 during the first half of the present year, or by 45.6 p.c. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,100,000 and some 2,100 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 400 dwellings and some 2,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and \$3,800,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1932, was recorded in Quebec and Ontario, where there were increases of 4.7 p.c. and 36.5 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$973,147, or 87.3 p.c., in Manitoba was largest.

As compared with June, 1931, there were decreases in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,903,971 or 48.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with the preceding month, but a decline as compared with the corresponding month in 1931, while Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Woodstock and Nanaimo indicated improvement over May, 1932, and June, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

Year	Value of Permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100).
1932	4,386,349	22,577,143	28.7	78.6
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.6
1930	18,621,437	85,413,985	108.4	98.6
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	97.0
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was very much lower than in the first half of 1931 or any previous year of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1932, and June, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1932	May, 1932	June, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	- \$	- \$	- \$
Nova Scotia	92,269	106,340	89,740
x Halifax	88,655	95,230	74,755
New Glasgow	1,050	2,450	13,075
x Sydney	2,564	8,660	1,910
New Brunswick	39,004	40,289	135,860
Fredericton	2,800	3,900	33,795
x Moncton	5,700	12,390	35,700
x Saint John	30,504	23,999	66,365
Quebec	1,534,862	1,466,638	2,433,114
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,420,337	1,310,691	2,078,663
x Quebec	52,250	115,407	284,791
Shawinigan Falls	3,700	2,000	3,800
x Sherbrooke	28,400	19,800	14,700
x Three Rivers	8,110	13,415	3,900
x Westmount	22,065	5,325	47,260
Ontario	2,062,396	1,510,734	3,966,367
Belleville	13,735	18,800	3,105
x Brantford	6,765	7,507	21,538
Chatham	9,530	8,600	16,550
x Fort William	23,250	63,200	56,850
Galt	9,664	12,438	27,373
x Guelph	38,257	16,580	10,065
x Hamilton	149,350	111,000	326,800
x Kingston	28,117	108,390	143,435
x Kitchener	37,155	19,027	120,987
x London	49,450	62,790	110,505
Niagara Falls	105,550	9,802	14,640
Oshawa	6,180	5,539	13,070
x Ottawa	260,390	131,390	504,905
Owen Sound	Nil	2,200	3,500
x Peterborough	16,765	16,255	72,790
x Port Arthur	12,207	156,250	35,205
x Stratford	7,052	7,428	16,702
x St. Catharines	17,850	14,123	54,792
x St. Thomas	1,255	3,874	61,090
Sarnia	8,433	15,407	4,765
Sault Ste. Marie	33,860	12,630	13,209
x Toronto	375,591	514,482	1,615,159
York & East York Townships	126,370	170,628	599,351
Welland	8,235	3,790	13,745
x Windsor	698,850	2,945	63,465
East Windsor	100	1,090	1,750
Riverside	-	Nil	2,060
Sandwich	Nil	900	2,025
Walkerville	1,000	3,000	20,000
Woodstock	17,435	10,669	16,936
Manitoba	134,695	1,107,842	577,404
x Brandon	2,320	6,757	10,294
St. Boniface	3,925	28,335	7,560
x Winnipeg	128,450	1,072,750	559,550
Saskatchewan	86,685	365,050	337,441
x Moose Jaw	2,675	9,350	83,106
x Regina	22,370	25,695	145,815
x Saskatoon	61,640	330,005	108,520
Alberta	248,582	430,633	400,761
x Calgary	74,344	74,008	183,781
x Edmonton	171,345	346,980	187,485
Lethbridge	2,293	9,060	19,130
Medicine Hat	600	585	10,365
British Columbia	187,856	261,980	653,271
Kamloops	8,050	11,375	4,430
Nanaimo	4,300	75	2,000
x New Westminster	9,790	15,145	41,610
Prince Rupert	4,505	3,965	9,610
x Vancouver	126,650	203,465	530,565
North Vancouver	985	1,700	9,430
x Victoria	33,576	26,255	55,626
Total - 61 Cities	4,386,349	5,289,506	8,593,958
xTotal - 35 Cities	4,014,049	4,950,568	7,738,684

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1932,
AND JULY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$161,101, or 3.7 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$6,815,436, or 61.7 p.c., as compared with July, 1931. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1932, was \$4,227,173, as against \$4,388,274 in June, 1932, and \$11,042,609 in July, 1931. The total for the first seven months of 1932, (viz., \$26,806,241), was lower than in earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that there has also been a very considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (average 1926 = 100) having fallen from 144.3 in the first seven months of 1920 to 78.2 in the period January-July, 1932, or by 45.8 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 450 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,000,000, and some 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$3,200,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1932, were reported in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the largest gain being that of \$585,390, or 38.1 p.c., in Quebec. On the other hand, there were reductions of 46.0 p.c. in Ontario and 23.3 p.c. in Alberta.

In comparison with July, 1931, all provinces showed declines, that of \$3,843,385, or 77.5 p.c., in Ontario being greatest.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported increases over June, 1932, but decreases as compared with July, 1931. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Brandon and Moose Jaw showed gains as compared with both June, 1932, and July, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months, (1926 = 100).	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months, (1926 average = 100)
1932	\$ 4,227,173	\$26,806,241	27.5	78.2
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.6
1930	15,824,781	101,232,766	103.9	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.7
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,622,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,015	75,427,755	77.5	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1931 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1932, and July, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1932	June, 1932	July, 1931
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	119,646	92,269	299,123
x Halifax	104,611	88,655	276,895
New Glasgow	1,160	1,050	13,995
x Sydney	13,875	2,564	8,233
New Brunswick	87,782	39,004	91,635
Fredericton	5,300	2,800	2,475
x Moncton	58,275	5,700	69,830
x Saint John	24,207	30,504	19,330
Quebec	2,120,252	1,534,862	3,985,987
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,813,782	1,420,337	3,652,045
x Quebec	240,680	52,250	205,687
Shawinigan Falls	125	3,700	3,800
x Sherbrooke	46,300	28,400	18,000
x Three Rivers	7,665	8,110	6,350
x Westmount	11,700	22,065	100,105
Ontario	1,115,392	2,064,321 ^{1/}	4,958,777
Belleville	5,970	13,735	21,735
x Brantford	13,020	6,765	18,384
Chatham	1,785	9,530	5,500
x Fort William	28,200	23,250	38,450
Galt	8,015	9,664	15,505
x Guelph	8,448	38,257	16,874
x Hamilton	186,700	149,350	878,700
x Kingston	7,625	28,117	49,817
x Kitchener	2,087	37,155	41,599
x London	34,845	49,450	109,920
Niagara Falls	1,824	105,550	5,815
Oshawa	1,100	6,180	1,860
x Ottawa	115,085	260,390	440,505
Owen Sound	6,100	Nil	15,000
x Peterborough	7,991	16,765	19,536
x Port Arthur	30,460	12,207	24,255
x Stratford	3,973	7,052	10,515
x St. Catharines	50,084	17,850	28,117
x St. Thomas	2,350	1,255	45,140
Sarnia	3,581	8,433	20,390
Sault Ste. Marie	13,337	33,860	18,638
x Toronto	394,054	375,591	2,490,534
York & East York Townships	115,275	126,370	560,675
Welland	2,540	8,235	28,420
x Windsor	65,750	698,850	29,135
East Windsor	Nil	100	1,350
Riverside	Nil	1,925 ^{1/}	10,400
Sandwich	-	Nil	1,400
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	4,193	17,435	9,508
Manitoba	201,525	134,695	347,400
x Brandon	6,250	2,320	4,200
St. Boniface	3,275	3,925	17,050
x Winnipeg	192,000	128,450	326,150
Saskatchewan	87,686	86,685	232,807
x Moose Jaw	71,383	2,675	66,382
x Regina	6,508	22,370	66,985
x Saskatoon	9,795	61,640	99,440
Alberta	190,542	248,582	299,053
x Calgary	68,357	74,344	158,811
x Edmonton	112,395	171,345	115,965
Lethbridge	8,970	2,293	19,442
Medicine Hat	820	600	4,835
British Columbia	304,348	187,856	827,827
Kamloops	825	8,050	8,215
Nanaimo	3,250	4,300	950
x New Westminster	17,150	9,790	56,000
Prince Rupert	10,440	4,505	39,455
x Vancouver	232,810	126,650	660,910
North Vancouver	4,965	985	6,740
x Victoria	34,908	33,576	55,557
Total - 61 cities	4,227,173	4,388,274 ^{1/}	11,042,609
Total x- 35 cities	4,023,323	4,014,049	10,208,356

^{1/} Includes Riverside, not included in report for June, 1932.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1932,
 AND AUGUST, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1932.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1932, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable reduction; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,331,278, as compared with \$4,227,173 in July, 1932, and \$8,201,879 in August, 1931. There was, therefore, a decrease of 21.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 59.4 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$30,137,519, was lower than in 1931 and other years of the record; in considering these data, however, it should be noted that there has also been a very significant decline in wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index, based on the 1926 average as 100, having fallen from 156.3 in the first eight months of 1920, to 78.0 in the period, January-August, 1932, or by slightly over 50 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$900,000, and more than 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,200,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 450 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,000,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

British Columbia reported a gain of \$420,090, or 138.0 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$975,131, or 46.0 p.c., in Quebec was greatest.

British Columbia also reported a slightly higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, there being an increase of \$13,762, or 1.9 p.c. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,504,798, or 71.9 p.c., in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver showed improvement as compared with both July, 1932, and August, 1931, while Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Kingston, Peterborough, Walkerville, Woodstock, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-32.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued; first eight months; (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 average = 100).
1932	\$ 3,331,278	\$30,137,519	27.6	78.0
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.4
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.6
1928	17,443,542	145,247,485	133.0	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.1
1923	11,425,051	97,551,074	89.3	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,703,601	79.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was less than in earlier years of the record, but as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also much lower than in any other year of this record.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1932, and August, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	August, 1932	July, 1932	August, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	57,325	119,646	326,365
x Halifax	66,645	104,611	274,865
New Glasgow	380	1,160	350
x Sydney	300	13,875	51,150
New Brunswick	50,814	87,782	170,670
Fredericton	800	5,300	43,950
x Moncton	22,675	58,275	32,335
x Saint John	27,339	24,207	94,385
Quebec	1,145,111	2,120,252	2,500,138
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	972,710	1,813,782	2,092,913
x Quebec	99,291	240,680	251,960
Shawinigan Falls	-	125	8,760
x Sherbrooke	32,200	46,300	44,900
x Three Rivers	8,035	7,665	28,025
x Westmount	32,875	11,700	73,550
Ontario	976,966	1,115,392	3,481,764
Belleville	Nil	5,970	9,600
x Brantford	991	13,020	6,912
Chatham	1,600	1,785	8,500
x Fort William	11,850	28,200	10,250
Galt	13,870	8,015	19,070
x Guelph	12,794	8,448	19,458
x Hamilton	71,800	186,700	253,500
x Kingston	29,672	7,625	28,810
x Kitchener	25,115	2,087	56,935
x London	26,650	34,845	236,950
Niagara Falls	900	1,824	6,487
Oshawa	500	1,100	20,505
x Ottawa	74,965	115,085	165,655
Owen Sound	1,475	6,100	5,000
x Peterborough	99,800	7,991	20,338
x Port Arthur	4,780	30,460	17,761
x Stratford	5,966	3,973	6,649
x St. Catharines	21,790	50,084	32,440
x St. Thomas	1,310	2,350	1,790
Sarnia	3,607	3,581	11,503
Sault Ste. Marie	28,631	13,337	201,345
x Toronto	381,316	394,054	1,842,807
York & East York Townships	118,600	115,275	460,777
Welland	9,040	2,540	12,990
x Windsor	13,300	65,750	11,235
East Windsor	500	Nil	2,100
Riverside	-	Nil	3,280
Sandwich	-	-	3,150
Walkerville	4,000	1,000	Nil
Woodstock	12,144	4,193	5,967
Manitoba	171,465	201,525	253,582
x Brandon	725	6,250	3,752
St. Boniface	10,240	3,275	21,680
x Winnipeg	160,500	192,000	228,150
Saskatchewan	36,530	87,686	177,780
x Moose Jaw	260	71,383	2,610
x Regina	19,045	6,508	64,095
x Saskatoon	17,225	9,795	111,075
Alberta	158,629	190,542	580,904
x Calgary	54,941	68,357	203,154
x Edmonton	76,080	112,395	342,810
Lethbridge	22,258	8,970	14,520
Medicine Hat	5,350	820	20,390
British Columbia	724,438	304,348	710,675
Kamloops	3,055	825	4,983
Nanaimo	3,776	3,250	1,175
x New Westminster	15,597	17,150	26,050
Prince Rupert	2,450	10,440	16,000
x Vancouver	633,820	232,810	571,530
North Vancouver	36,655	4,965	7,320
x Victoria	29,085	34,908	83,108
Total - 61 Cities	3,331,278	4,227,773	8,201,879
x Total - 35 Cities	3,051,447	4,023,323	7,291,967

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1932,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,203,230; this was a decrease of \$1,128,048, or 33.9 p.c., as compared with the total of \$3,331,278 in August, 1932, and of \$8,204,769, or 78.8 p.c., in comparison with the aggregate of \$10,407,999 recorded in September of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000, and over 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at over \$1,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan reported an increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1932, but elsewhere there were declines, that of \$69,796, or 60.2 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

As compared with September, 1931, there were losses in all provinces. In this comparison also Quebec showed the largest loss of \$4,039,086, or 89.9 p.c.

The larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Sydney, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, East Windsor, Brandon, Kamloops and Nanaimo showed increases as compared with both August, 1932, and September, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1932	\$ 2,203,230	\$ 32,340,749	26.9	77.3
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	83.8
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	94.1
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.3
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1931 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also much lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1932, and September, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1932	August, 1932	September, 1931
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	51,008	67,325	179,207
x Halifax	39,908	66,045	172,512
New Glasgow	380	380	1,275
x Sydney	10,720	300	5,420
New Brunswick	19,989	50,814	841,469
Fredericton	-	800	15,890
x Moncton	-	22,675	81,900
x Saint John	19,989	27,339	743,679
Quebec	455,315	1,145,111	4,494,401
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	337,560	972,710	3,374,719
x Quebec	61,245	99,291	1,053,702
Shawinigan Falls	1,900	-	3,675
x Sherbrooke	10,500	32,200	24,100
x Three Rivers	1,180	8,035	16,755
x Westmount	42,930	32,875	21,450
Ontario	900,379	976,966	3,677,175
Belleville	7,900	Nil	8,650
x Brantford	9,061	991	29,048
Chatham	6,100	1,600	925
x Fort William	76,000	11,850	21,850
Galt	3,371	13,870	77,525
x Guelph	13,665	12,794	19,135
x Hamilton	104,900	71,800	226,600
x Kingston	22,315	29,672	30,399
x Kitchener	13,292	25,115	40,535
x London	35,480	26,650	122,520
Niagara Falls	1,503	900	1,420
Oshawa	5,100	500	16,585
x Ottawa	67,555	74,965	74,015
Owen Sound	640	1,475	6,450
x Peterborough	1,395	99,800	8,555
x Port Arthur	14,394	4,780	79,870
x Stratford	3,355	5,966	31,915
x St. Catharines	8,939	21,790	35,950
x St. Thomas	13,625	1,310	2,205
Sarnia	5,330	3,607	13,308
Sault Ste. Marie	10,920	28,631	21,380
x Toronto	317,419	381,316	2,255,010
York & East York Townships	129,035	118,600	483,030
Welland	1,450	9,040	48,582
x Windsor	8,475	13,300	4,370
East Windsor	8,040	500	750
Riverside	-	-	1,200
Sandwich	-	-	625
Walkerville	1,000	4,000	5,000
Woodstock	10,120	12,144	9,768
Manitoba	131,620	171,465	204,752
x Brandon	7,450	725	7,152
St. Boniface	6,120	10,240	5,200
x Winnipeg	118,050	160,500	192,400
Saskatchewan	51,800	36,530	152,920
x Moose Jaw	910	260	18,900
x Regina	18,080	19,045	39,525
x Saskatoon	32,810	17,225	94,495
Alberta	153,798	158,629	332,888
x Calgary	70,373	54,941	141,184
x Edmonton	73,625	76,080	99,970
Lethbridge	8,195	22,258	90,144
Medicine Hat	1,105	5,350	1,590
British Columbia	439,321	724,438	525,187
Kamloops	8,900	3,055	6,745
Nanaimo	4,766	3,776	2,375
x New Westminster	13,890	15,597	24,480
Prince Rupert	2,425	2,450	3,290
x Vancouver	383,720	633,820	449,340
North Vancouver	4,195	36,655	725
x Victoria	21,425	29,085	38,232
Total - 61 Cities	2,203,230	3,331,278	10,407,999
xTotal - 35 Cities	1,974,735	3,051,447	9,581,892

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932, AND OCTOBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1932.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$3,056,137; this was an increase of \$852,607, or 38.7 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,203,530, but a decline of \$5,386,490, or 63.8 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$8,442,627 for October, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,400,000, and about 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,650,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, the estimated cost in each category being about \$1,000,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1932, that of \$833,575, or 183.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of \$186,492, or 42.5 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1931, there were declines in all provinces; Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$2,310,160, or 64.2 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto showed an increase over September, 1932, but a reduction as compared with October, 1931, while Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Hamilton, Sandwich, Woodstock and Nanaimo reported increases over both September, 1932, and October, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1932	\$ 3,056,137	\$35,396,886	26.2	77.7
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	83.0
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	93.3
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.6
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,675,825	81.3	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1931 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years; from its peak of 154.4 in 1920, the index has dropped to 77.7 in the same ten months of the present year, or by 49.7 p.c.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	October, 1932	September, 1932	October, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	102,399	51,008	267,010
x Halifax	91,995	39,908	257,798
New Glasgow	2,200	380	6,700
x Sydney	8,204	10,720	2,512
New Brunswick	36,160	19,989	64,853
Fredericton	1,500	-	17,000
x Moncton	5,220	-	12,920
x Saint John	29,440	19,989	34,933
Quebec	1,288,890	455,315	3,599,050
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,149,200	337,560	3,129,122
x Quebec	68,440	61,245	365,093
Shawinigan Falls	-	1,900	15,005
x Sherbrooke	11,600	10,500	67,500
x Three Rivers	650	1,180	8,550
x Westmount	59,000	42,930	13,780
Ontario	1,153,555	900,679	3,013,537
Belleville	29,300	7,900	13,935
x Brantford	4,955	9,061	48,291
Chatham	5,515	6,100	6,050
x Fort William	7,700	76,000	30,150
Galt	3,398	3,371	2,440
x Guelph	15,244	13,665	15,413
x Hamilton	347,700	104,900	205,450
x Kingston	19,315	22,315	24,739
x Kitchener	32,826	13,292	67,167
x London	30,630	35,480	84,700
Niagara Falls	2,360	1,503	29,045
Oshawa	4,090	5,100	1,030
x Ottawa	90,225	67,555	160,640
Owen Sound	2,800	640	5,000
x Peterborough	8,490	1,395	31,850
x Port Arthur	11,785	14,394	80,236
x Stratford	12,184	3,355	14,810
x St. Catharines	8,327	8,939	69,285
x St. Thomas	627	13,625	4,750
Sarnia	3,485	5,330	15,404
Sault Ste. Marie	9,256	10,920	10,517
x Toronto	382,757	317,419	1,668,826
York & East York Townships	90,775	129,035	337,187
Welland	10,510	1,450	12,349
x Windsor	5,772	8,475	22,667
East Windsor	225	8,040	590
Riverside	200	300	450
Sandwich	1,000	-	875
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	43,000
Woodstock	11,124	10,120	6,691
Manitoba	79,140	131,620	199,582
x Brandon	1,025	7,450	2,162
St. Boniface	6,115	6,120	8,020
x Winnipeg	72,000	118,050	189,400
Saskatchewan	25,085	51,800	605,171
x Moose Jaw	475	910	18,786
x Regina	9,300	18,080	519,210
x Saskatoon	15,310	32,810	67,175
Alberta	118,079	153,798	282,903
x Calgary	60,819	70,873	154,165
x Edmonton	48,200	73,625	90,710
Lethbridge	7,815	8,195	21,928
Medicine Hat	1,245	1,105	16,100
British Columbia	252,829	439,321	410,521
Kamloops	8,165	8,900	9,255
Nanaimo	18,746	4,766	200
x New Westminster	8,905	13,890	23,796
Prince Rupert	1,585	2,425	3,885
x Vancouver	176,498	383,720	323,875
North Vancouver	3,900	4,195	6,090
x Victoria	35,030	21,425	43,420
Total - 61 Cities	3,056,137	2,203,530	8,442,627
Total - 35 Cities	2,829,828	1,974,735	7,853,881

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1932,
AND NOVEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$2,505,309. This was a seasonal decline of \$570,828 or 18.6 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$3,076,137, and a reduction of \$4,776,808, or 65.6 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1931, figure of \$7,282,117.

Some 50 out of the 61 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$630,000, and about 1,400 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,800,000. In addition, authority was granted for engineering projects valued at \$15,122. During October, the erection of about 350 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings was authorized at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,400,000 and \$1,650,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and Ontario reported increases of 6.2 p.c. and 29.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with October. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$679,836, or 52.7 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1931, New Brunswick reported an increase, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$2,465,396, or 80.2 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of a year ago, while in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Medicine Hat reported greater values of building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100).	
				26.2	77.7
1932	\$ 2,505,309	\$ 37,922,575	26.2	77.7	
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.7	
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4	
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.5	
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	98.0	
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.7	
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.2	
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	103.8	
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.2	
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.7	
1922	11,182,030	130,698,005	95.7	108.6	
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9	
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	153.4	

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower than in 1931 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years; from the high point of 153.4 in 1920, this index had declined to 77.7 in the same eleven months of the present year, or by 49.3 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1932, and November, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	November, 1932	October, 1932	November, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	\$ -
Nova Scotia	108,703	102,399	151,860
x Halifax	108,123	91,995	149,285
New Glasgow	380	2,200	365
x Sydney	200	8,204	2,210
New Brunswick	25,308	36,160	5,015
Fredericton	Nil	1,500	625
x Moncton	5,880	5,220	Nil
x Saint John	19,428	29,440	4,390
Quebec	609,054	1,288,890	3,074,450
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	248,174	1,149,200	2,622,850
x Quebec	319,895	68,440	386,800
Shawinigan Falls	4,135	-	925
x Sherbrooke	4,000	11,600	28,000
x Three Rivers	200	650	33,775
x Westmount	32,650	59,000	2,100
Ontario	1,521,759	1,173,555	3,142,363
Belleville	125	29,300	11,250
x Brantford	1,822	4,955	36,037
Chatham	200	5,515	4,400
x Fort William	21,500	7,700	70,200
Galt	2,760	3,398	3,830
x Guelph	9,587	15,244	14,430
x Hamilton	44,950	347,700	434,900
x Kingston	7,310	19,315	22,484
x Kitchener	37,474	32,826	22,441
x London	37,985	30,630	107,190
Niagara Falls	2,145	2,360	8,455
Oshawa	6,665	4,090	5,685
x Ottawa	38,440	90,225	193,330
Owen Sound	1,100	2,800	Nil
x Peterborough	6,383	8,490	33,540
x Port Arthur	25,226	11,785	11,631
x Stratford	1,635	12,164	3,825
x St. Catharines	17,920	8,327	52,575
x St. Thomas	3,525	627	600
Sarnia	4,880	3,485	20,565
Sault Ste. Marie	950	9,256	24,589
x Toronto	1,197,314	382,757	1,397,392
York & East York Townships	46,249	110,775	550,193
Welland	1,070	10,510	2,470
x Windsor	1,660	5,772	83,129
East Windsor	Nil	225	3,000
Riverside	Nil	200	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	1,000	580
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	8,000
Woodstock	2,884	11,124	15,642
Manitoba	30,400	79,140	219,705
x Brandon	Nil	1,025	4,700
St. Boniface	300	6,115	28,905
x Winnipeg	30,100	72,000	206,100
Saskatchewan	23,245	25,085	106,022
x Moose Jaw	100	475	42,357
x Regina	12,450	9,300	24,840
x Saskatoon	10,695	15,310	39,025
Alberta	50,619	118,079	172,799
x Calgary	15,934	60,819	100,691
x Edmonton	13,485	48,200	43,525
Lethbridge	50	7,815	11,858
Medicine Hat	21,150	1,245	16,725
British Columbia	136,221	252,829	409,903
Kamloops	1,940	8,165	3,135
Nanaimo	2,504	18,746	3,100
x New Westminster	9,305	8,905	19,900
Prince Rupert	275	1,585	7,695
x Vancouver	111,893	176,498	335,740
North Vancouver	145	3,900	1,131
x Victoria	10,159	35,030	39,202
Total - 61 Cities	2,505,309	3,076,137	7,282,117
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,405,402	2,829,828	6,568,994

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1932, AND DECEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1932.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1932, represented construction work valued at \$1,480,731, as compared with \$2,505,309 in November, 1932, and \$7,895,106 in December, 1931. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$1,024,578 or 40.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$6,414,375 or 81.2 p.c. in comparison with the high total for the same month of 1931. In this record, which goes back to 1920, the December, 1932, figure was exceeded by the total for December of each year from 1920-1931, but the wholesale costs of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, were lower than in any other year since 1920.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 100 permits for dwellings valued at some \$350,000 and over 600 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$900,000. There was also one permit in St. Boniface for engineering work at a cost of \$100,000. During November, the construction of some 200 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$630,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Manitoba alone, registered an increase in the value of the authorized building, showing a gain of \$84,350, or 27.7 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces. While the absolute decreases were \$582,834 or 38.3 p.c. in Ontario and \$349,114 or 57.3 p.c. in Quebec, the relative decreases of \$20,015 or 90.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan and \$30,194 or 59.6 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

All provinces except New Brunswick recorded decreases as compared with December, 1931, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec and Ontario reported the most marked losses of \$2,825,870 or 91.5 p.c. and \$2,927,747 or 75.7 p.c., respectively.

Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared both with November, 1932, and December, 1931. Saint John, Belleville, Moose Jaw and Prince Rupert recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1932.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1932 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1932 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-1932. (Average 1926=100).

Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100).
		(1926=100)		
1932	\$ 1,480,731	\$ 39,403,306	25.2	77.6
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	82.6
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.6
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	152.4

The unrevised statistics for 1932 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should also be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in November and December, 1932, and December, 1931. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

C i t i e s	Estimated Cost of Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.		
	December 1932	November 1932	December 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	48,900	103,703	70,355
x Halifax	48,525	108,123	70,305
New Glasgow	375	380	50
x Sydney	Nil	200	Nil
New Brunswick	22,655	25,308	7,315
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	215	5,830	360
x Saint John	22,440	19,428	6,955
Quebec	260,940	609,054	3,086,810
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	215,805	248,174	2,982,690
x Quebec	12,035	319,895	83,195
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	4,135	500
x Sherbrooke	2,200	4,000	9,300
x Three Rivers	500	200	9,000
x Westmount	30,400	32,650	2,125
Ontario	938,925	1,521,759	3,866,672
Belleville	2,650	125	Nil
x Brantford	2,155	1,822	55,953
Chatham	2,800	200	56,40
x Fort William	150	21,500	10,200
Galt	405	2,760	26,862
x Guelph	1,785	9,587	10,116
x Hamilton	11,600	14,950	557,250
x Kingston	8,230	7,310	19,277
x Kitchener	7,560	37,474	22,394
x London	21,995	37,985	50,225
Niagara Falls	300	2,145	15,521
Oshawa	375	6,665	900
x Ottawa	47,540	38,440	96,810
Owen Sound	Nil	1,100	4,500
x Peterborough	555	6,383	200
x Port Arthur	2,935	25,226	2,970
x Stratford	1,535	1,635	7,745
x St. Catharines	2,100	17,920	22,527
x St. Thomas	Nil	3,525	Nil
Sarnia	886	4,480	14,522
Sault Ste. Marie	2,430	950	9,325
x Toronto	805,352	1,197,324	2,630,181
York & East York Townships	9,374	46,249	164,685
Welland	1,725	1,070	6,150
x Windsor	2,275	1,660	66,625
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	3,556
Riverside	-	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	2,213	2,884	11,223
Manitoba	114,750	30,400	465,970
x Brandon	1,800	Nil	225,370
St. Boniface	100,050	300	163,600
x Winnipeg	12,900	30,100	76,500
Saskatchewan	2,230	23,245	27,978
x Moose Jaw	1,000	100	150
x Regina	630	12,450	25,728
x Saskatoon	600	10,695	2,100
Alberta	20,425	50,619	86,108
x Calgary	13,008	15,934	51,700
x Edmonton	5,960	13,485	4,890
Lethbridge	1,457	50	3,718
Medicine Hat	Nil	21,150	23,000
British Columbia	71,906	136,221	280,698
Zamloops	620	1,940	2,020
Nanaimo	175	2,504	24,125
x New Westminster	2,650	9,305	11,250
Prince Rupert	1,725	275	1,235
x Vancouver	53,660	111,893	215,900
North Vancouver	850	145	2,800
x Victoria	12,226	10,159	23,368
Total 61 Cities	1,480,731	2,505,309	7,895,106
Total 35 Cities	1,352,321	2,405,402	7,359,884

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1932, AND JANUARY, 1932.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1932; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,163,878, compared with \$1,480,731 in December, 1932, and \$2,761,929 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 21.4 p.c. in the first and of 57.9 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 90 permits for dwellings valued at about \$240,000, and nearly 600 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$640,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 100 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$350,000 and \$900,000 respectively.

Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1932, the gain of \$254,981 or 11434.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan and of \$96,362, or 64.1 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. A particularly large increase in Saskatchewan was due to the issue of a \$243,000 permit for the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Regina. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$622,881, or 66.3 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1932, Saskatchewan alone showed an increase. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$737,077 or 70.0 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year, while in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1932. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Galt, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Regina, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Victoria, Welland and Windsor.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1933	\$1,163,878	24.7	75.8
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.5
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.3
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.3
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1933 figure for January was lower than in any other year of this record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1933, and December and January, 1932. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimates Cost of Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s

January, 1933

December, 1932

January, 1932

	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	37,435	48,900	77,386
x Halifax	37,290	48,525	64,786
New Glasgow	Nil	375	Nil
x Sydney	145	Nil	12,600
New Brunswick	5,680	22,655	7,740
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	- 1/	215	-
x Saint John	5,680	22,440	7,740
Quebec	328,365	260,940	929,925
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	308,190	215,805	865,360
x Quebec	11,875	12,035	34,865
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	4,100	2,200	16,800
x Three Rivers	Nil	500	11,600
x Westmount	4,200	30,400	1,300
Ontario	316,044	938,925	1,053,121
Belleville	625	2,650	2,500
x Brantford	425	2,155	46,064
Chatham	800	2,800	1,700
x Fort William	200	150	8,700
Galt	3,345	405	745
x Guelph	1,050	1,785	4,075
x Hamilton	39,100	11,600	79,750
x Kingston	565	8,230	13,375
x Kitchener	880	7,560	14,803
x London	29,715	21,995	69,380
Niagara Falls	3,800	300	1,900
Oshawa	Nil	375	1,450
x Ottawa	11,450	47,540	82,690
Owen Sound	2,200	Nil	3,500
x Peterborough	1,100	555	800
x Port Arthur	1,065	2,935	3,950
x Stratford	625	1,535	1,390
x St. Catharines	997	2,100	21,250
x St. Thomas	9,820	Nil	1,789
Sarnia	2,940	886	1,825
Sault Ste. Marie	185	2,430	1,145
x Toronto	134,050	805,352	540,696
York & East York Townships	52,720	9,374	132,059
Welland	6,050	1,725	300
x Windsor	11,400	2,275	10,950
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	- 1/	-	-
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	3,000
Woodstock	937	2,213	3,335
Manitoba	17,350	114,750	106,315
x Brandon	250	1,800	Nil
St. Boniface	1,250	100,050	1,315
x Winnipeg	15,850	12,900	105,000
Saskatchewan	257,211	2,230	34,490
x Moose Jaw	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Regina	255,611	630	30,390
x Saskatoon	1,600	600	4,100
Alberta	33,525	20,425	170,651
x Calgary	14,591	13,008	43,851
x Edmonton	6,110	5,960	22,700
Lethbridge	12,824	1,457	110,100
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	Nil
British Columbia	168,268	71,906	376,301
Kamloops	450	620	1,050
Nanaimo	455	175	3,926
x New Westminster	2,000	2,650	7,500
Prince Rupert	200	1,725	2,835
x Vancouver	145,230	53,660	339,360
North Vancouver	210	850	4,060
x Victoria	19,723	12,226	17,570
Total - 61 Cities	1,165,878	1,480,731	2,761,929
Total - 35 Cities	1,074,887	1,352,321	2,487,184
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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1933, AND FEBRUARY, 1932.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$256,972 or 22.1 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$1,938,365 or 68.1 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$906,906 during February, 1933, as compared with \$1,163,878 in January, 1933, and \$2,845,271 in February, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 80 permits for dwellings valued at about \$291,000 and more than 590 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$575,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$10,000, was reported at Port Arthur. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 90 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$240,000 and \$640,000 respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933; the largest gain, of \$32,701, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$249,091 or 96.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan, and \$113,790 or 34.7 p.c. in Quebec were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1932 all provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia recorded declines, that of \$911,097 or 72.3 p.c. in Ontario being most marked.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933, and also as compared with February, 1932. Toronto showed an increase in the first, but a reduction in the second instance, while in Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February as compared with January, 1933, and also with February, 1932:-- Fort William, Guelph, Kamloops, London, New Glasgow, Oshawa, Saint John, Stratford, Three Rivers and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials (1926=100)	
				in first two months	(1926=100)
1933	\$ 906,906	\$ 2,070,784	17.6	75.2	
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4	
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8	
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8	
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6	
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4	
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1	
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4	
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2	
1924	4,093,800	8,550,379	72.1	112.3	
1923	5,679,671	9,810,169	82.8	110.1	
1922	4,738,105	8,064,042	68.0	108.3	
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5	
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5	

The aggregate for the first two months of 1933 was lower than in the same months 1932 and earlier years of the record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were also considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

C i t i e s	2			Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.		
	February, 1933	January, 1933	February, 1932	February, 1933	January, 1933	February, 1932
P. E. I.- Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$	Nil	\$	Nil
Nova Scotia	29,600	37,435	66,400			
x Halifax	27,900	37,290	66,225			
New Glasgow	1,700	Nil	175			
x Sydney	Nil	145	Nil			
New Brunswick	14,565	5,680	14,055			
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil			
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	11,600			
x Saint John	14,565	5,680	2,455			
Quebec	214,575	328,365	797,314			
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	194,210	308,190	727,599			
x Quebec	13,590	11,875	34,015			
Shawinigan Falls	1,300	Nil	5,000			
x Sherbrooke	2,200	4,100	25,900			
x Three Rivers	775	Nil	600			
x Westmount	2,500	4,200	4,200			
Ontario	348,745	316,044	1,259,842			
Bellville	Nil	625	200			
x Brantford	857	425	23,115			
Chatham	1,150	800	2,325			
x Fort William	16,500	200	1,650			
Galt	2,780	3,345	2,450			
x Guelph	10,260	1,050	6,270			
x Hamilton	5,800	39,100	105,300			
x Kingston	2,780	565	2,115			
x Kitchener	4,435	880	31,335			
x London	34,855	29,715	32,245			
Niagara Falls	350	3,800	5,230			
Oshawa	1,730	Nil	155			
x Ottawa	42,525	11,450	139,710			
Owen Sound	375	2,200	Nil			
x Peterborough	10	1,100	10,650			
x Port Arthur	18,715	1,065	60			
x Stratford	3,170	625	350			
x St. Catharines	885	997	42,120			
x St. Thomas	Nil	9,820	2,650			
Sarnia	1,760	2,940	2,365			
Sault Ste. Marie	5,085	185	8,000			
x Toronto	152,792	134,050	690,874			
York & East York Townships	33,986	52,720	97,295			
Welland	4,750	6,050	2,160			
x Windsor	2,600	11,400	14,300			
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	33,093			
Riverside	Nil	-	Nil			
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil			
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil			
Woodstock	595	937	2,825			
Manitoba	8,500	17,350	63,804			
x Brandon	Nil	250	1,254			
St. Boniface	750	1,250	50			
x Winnipeg	7,750	15,850	62,500			
Saskatchewan	8,120	257,211	217,819			
x Moose Jaw	2,000	Nil	34,564			
x Regina	5,670	255,611	19,926			
x Saskatoon	450	1,600	163,329			
Alberta	35,614	33,525	179,371			
x Calgary	25,684	14,591	141,511			
x Edmonton	9,065	6,110	30,465			
Lethbridge	770	12,824	7,035			
Medicine Hat	95	Nil	360			
British Columbia	217,137	168,268	246,666			
Kamloops	8,602	450	400			
Nanaimo	1,120	455	5,300			
x New Westminster	6,050	2,000	16,845			
Prince Rupert	1,530	200	10,035			
x Vancouver	195,875	145,230	193,665			
North Vancouver	150	210	3,150			
x Victoria	33,860	19,723	17,271			
Total - 61 Cities	906,906	1,163,878	2,845,271			
x Total - 35 Cities	838,328	1,074,887	2,934,267			

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1933, AND
MARCH, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1933.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$934,555; this was an increase of \$26,649 or 2.9 p.c. over the February total of \$907,906, but a decrease of \$2,462,174 or 72.5 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$3,396,729 reported for the same month in 1932. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, were, however, lower than in 1932 and in any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 115 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$245,000 and some 950 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$580,000. In addition, two centres reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$7,500. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 80 dwellings and nearly 590 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$291,000 and \$575,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$10,000, was also reported.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$45,195 or 152.7 p.c. in Nova Scotia and \$22,810 or 268.4 p.c. in Manitoba. British Columbia alone showed a decline of \$109,233 or 44.2 p.c.

As compared with March, 1932, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick recorded increases; of the reductions, the largest was that of \$1,344,339 or 77.7 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg registered a gain as compared with the preceding month, but a falling-off as compared with March of last year. Montreal and Vancouver showed declines in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, Chatham, Fort William, Fredericton, Halifax, Kamloops, Kitchener, Moncton, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Saint John, St. Thomas and Westmount, reported higher totals than in either February, 1933, or March, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1933	934,555	\$ 3,016,339	13.4	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7 x
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7 x
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2 x
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5 x
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4 x
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1 x
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

x Revised figures.

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1933 was less than in the same period in any of the years since 1920, but, as already stated, the wholesale prices of building materials have this year been considerably lower than in the same period in any of the last twelve years.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	March, 1933	February, 1933	March, 1932.
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	74,795	29,600	55,850
x Halifax	74,595	27,900	50,560
New Glasgow	200	1,700	770
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	4,520
New Brunswick	27,450	15,565	15,755
Fredericton	5,000	Nil	1,500
x Moncton	5,550	1,000	1,750
x Saint John	16,900	14,565	12,505
Quebec	220,873	214,575	950,393
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	183,515	194,210	839,108
x Quebec	15,530	13,590	71,785
Shawinigan Falls	450	1,300	700
x Sherbrooke	2,000	2,200	14,000
x Three Rivers	1,525	775	24,150
x Westmount	17,853	2,500	650
Ontario	386,273	348,745	1,730,612
Belleville	Nil	Nil	2,400
x Brantford	2,879	857	20,028
Chatham	9,450	1,150	6,700
x Fort William	33,250	16,500	11,050
Galt	1,565	2,780	18,521
x Guelph	1,615	10,260	15,080
x Hamilton	28,825	5,800	113,500
x Kingston	3,112	2,780	12,645
x Kitchener	6,187	4,435	4,710
x London	44,175	34,855	79,060
Niagara Falls	2,016	350	690
Oshawa	1,425	1,730	1,475
x Ottawa	34,505	42,525	351,275
Owen Sound	6,900	375	Nil
x Peterborough	5,075	10	12,475
x Port Arthur	8,029	18,715	2,725
x Stratford	250	3,170	1,020
x St. Catharines	3,235	885	5,144
x St. Thomas	280	Nil	200
Sarnia	2,621	1,760	7,570
Sault Ste. Marie	975	5,085	12,067
x Toronto	168,202	152,792	630,668
York & East York Townships	15,730	33,986	385,509
Welland	2,000	4,750	5,750
x Windsor	3,240	2,600	13,475
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	994
Riverside	-	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	4,500
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	4,000
Woodstock	732	595	7,381
Manitoba	31,310	8,500	41,202
x Brandon	110	Nil	502
St. Boniface	Nil	750	4,850
x Winnipeg	31,200	7,750	35,850
Saskatchewan	17,325	8,120	248,773
x Moose Jaw	1,000	2,000	39,988
x Regina	10,385	5,670	94,500
x Saskatoon	5,940	450	114,285
Alberta	38,575	35,614	85,403
x Calgary	24,300	25,684	49,943
x Edmonton	12,205	9,065	31,410
Lethbridge	1,870	770	2,405
Medicine Hat	200	95	1,645
British Columbia	137,954	247,187	268,741
Kamloops	9,923	8,602	975
Nanaimo	725	1,120	8,215
x New Westminster	4,625	6,050	12,675
Prince Rupert	2,585	1,530	12,965
x Vancouver	97,730	195,875	186,715
North Vancouver	2,120	150	11,350
x Victoria	20,246	33,860	35,846
Total - 61 Cities	934,555	907,906	3,396,729
Total - x35 Cities	868,068	839,328	2,893,797

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1933,
 AND APRIL, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$1,551,693 during April, as compared with \$934,555 in the preceding month, and \$4,370,863 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$617,138 or 66.0 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$2,819,170, or 64.5 p.c. as compared with April, 1932. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past thirteen years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$480,000 and for more than 1,500 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$950,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 115 dwellings and 950 other buildings, valued at approximately \$245,000 and \$580,000, respectively, while two engineering projects valued at approximately \$7,500 were also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1933, the greatest gain of \$284,773 taking place in Ontario.

As compared with April, 1932, there were decreases in all provinces, that of \$1,289,501 or 65.8 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Each of the four larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but declines as compared with April, 1932. Of the smaller centres, Fredericton, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Woodstock, Brandon, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1933, and April, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920 - 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100)
1933	\$ 1,551,693	\$ 4,568,032	11.0	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was lower than in the same period in any of the years since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also decidedly lower than in any other year of the record, being 47.5 p.c. less than in the months January-April in 1920, when prices were at their maximum.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1933, and April, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1933	March, 1933.	April, 1932.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	64,250	74,795	213,207
x Halifax	63,200	74,595	108,256
New Glasgow	500	200	26,250
x Sydney	550	Nil	78,701
New Brunswick	47,543	27,450	260,290
Fredericton	6,725	5,000	2,700
x Moncton	1,297	5,550	32,140
x Saint John	39,521	16,900	225,450
Quebec	425,655	220,873	830,064
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	343,445	183,515	661,312
x Quebec	31,466	15,530	69,557
Shawinigan Falls	740	450	7,350
x Sherbrooke	11,800	2,000	17,600
x Three Rivers	1,845	1,525	31,970
x Westmount	36,359	17,853	42,275
Ontario	671,046	386,273	1,960,547
Belleville	5,450	Nil	17,125
x Brantford	9,123	2,879	35,361
Chatham	1,425	9,450	9,360
x Fort William	16,350	33,250	40,850
Galt	3,354	1,565	13,151
x Guelph	3,475	1,615	11,100
x Hamilton	40,200	28,825	97,750
x Kingston	18,802	3,112	88,910
x Kitchener	14,451	6,187	137,664
x London	18,855	44,175	87,180
Niagara Falls	797	2,016	36,002
Oshawa	3,510	1,425	8,685
x Ottawa	105,350	34,505	144,775
Owen Sound	8,400	6,900	4,600
x Peterborough	85,395	5,075	11,360
x Port Arthur	9,410	8,029	17,666
x Stratford	8,725	250	4,200
x St. Catharines	9,225	3,235	11,919
x St. Thomas	1,275	280	13,750
Sarnia	3,385	2,621	5,035
Sault Ste. Marie	3,925	975	9,453
x Toronto	212,653	168,202	957,497
York & East York Townships	62,730	15,730	157,188
Welland	16,175	2,000	21,080
x Windsor	2,430	3,240	10,625
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	1
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwick	Nil	Nil	5,650
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	6,176	732	2,610
Manitoba	75,506	31,310	198,567
x Brandon	17,731	110	4,997
St. Boniface	1,175	Nil	54,370
x Winnipeg	56,600	31,200	139,200
Saskatchewan	25,070	17,325	178,850
x Moose Jaw	1,100	1,000	61,095
x Regina	8,600	10,385	18,175
x Saskatoon	15,370	5,940	99,580
Alberta	93,233	38,575	430,986
x Calgary	25,992	24,300	250,279
x Edmonton	57,525	12,205	160,400
Lethbridge	4,236	1,870	12,512
Medicine Hat	5,480	200	7,795
British Columbia	149,390	137,954	298,352
Kamloops	5,635	9,923	4,080
Nanaimo	10,030	725	1,225
x New Westminster	11,040	4,625	8,260
Prince Rupert	500	2,585	1,025
x Vancouver	100,870	97,730	211,950
North Vancouver	5,150	2,120	5,490
x Victoria	16,165	20,246	66,322
Total - 61 Cities	1,551,693	934,555	4,370,863
Total - x 35 Cities	1,396,195	868,068	3,958,126

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1933,
 AND JUNE, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$3,535,948; this was an increase of \$1,532,639, or 76.5 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,003,309, while in comparison with June, 1932, there was a decline of \$1,492,376, or 29.7 p.c., the value for that month having been \$5,028,324. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that wholesale costs of building materials have been lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record, averaging 75.8 in the first half of 1933, as compared with 76.8 in the first six months of 1932, the previous minimum since 1920, and with 144.5 in 1920, the maximum in the thirteen years considered. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,200,000 and some 1,700 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$2,300,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 300 dwellings and some 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$700,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1933, was recorded in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The largest increase, of \$1,250,691, or 235.3 p.c., occurred in Quebec. On the other hand, there was a decline of 15.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

As compared with June, 1932, there were increases in Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia, that of \$109,459 or 55.3 p.c. in the last-named being largest. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,346,470, or 57.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1933, and also with June, 1932, while Toronto showed a gain in the first but a decline in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, London, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, East Windsor, Regina, Lethbridge, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1933, and June, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same year are also given.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100)
1933	\$ 3,535,948	\$ 10,107,289	12.8	75.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was lower than in the first half of 1932 or any previous year of the record; however, the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last thirteen years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1933, and June, 1932; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1933.	May, 1933.	June, 1932.
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,000
Nova Scotia	65,625	78,060	92,269
x Halifax	59,400	72,260	88,655
New Glasgow	1,600	5,800	1,050
x Sydney	4,625	Nil	2,564
New Brunswick	38,030	31,245	39,047
Fredericton	450	6,125	2,800
x Moncton	23,741	3,740	5,700
x Saint John	13,839	21,380	30,547
Quebec	1,782,286	531,595	1,535,862
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,665,780	469,051	1,420,337
x Quebec	48,851	38,996	52,250
Shawinigan Falls	36,760	1,200	3,700
x Sherbrooke	11,100	7,100	28,400
x Three Rivers	2,575	8,488	8,110
x Westmount	17,220	6,760	23,065
Ontario		901,469	2,346,308
Belleville	5,415	1,725	13,735
x Brantford	32,645	7,551	6,765
Chatham	3,550	1,000	9,530
x Fort William	33,150	25,750	23,250
Galt	16,921	15,431	9,684
x Guelph	10,038	13,892	38,257
x Hamilton	23,950	53,385	149,350
x Kingston	32,921	19,680	28,117
x Kitchener	17,520	12,542	37,155
x London	94,200	24,695	49,480
Niagara Falls	870	9,424	105,610
Oshawa	825	7,800	6,180
x Ottawa	125,455	91,245	261,390
Owen Sound	2,000	5,600	Nil
x Peterborough	9,355	5,370	16,765
x Port Arthur	21,535	14,255	13,831
x Stratford	6,450	5,840	7,052
x St. Catharines	25,632	7,515	17,850
x St. Thomas	1,871	2,435	1,255
Sarnia	2,236	17,515	8,433
Sault Ste. Marie	21,150	16,655	33,860
x Toronto	458,692	389,840	654,894
York & East York Townships	1/ 34,700	124,890	126,370
Welland	1,496	3,405	8,235
x Windsor	7,805	8,855	698,850
East Windsor	257	Nil	100
Riverside	Nil	2/ 1,000	1,925
Sandwich	75	250	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	8,124	12,924	17,435
Manitoba	139,140	132,780	134,697
x Brandon	4,450	6,695	2,322
St. Boniface	3,840	11,785	3,925
x Winnipeg	130,850	114,300	128,450
Saskatchewan	70,048	25,780	154,703
x Moose Jaw	21,325	2,325	23,932
x Regina	24,773	8,930	22,370
x Saskatoon	23,950	14,525	108,401
Alberta	133,666	96,815	248,582
x Calgary	51,106	37,617	74,344
x Edmonton	71,895	52,840	171,345
Lethbridge	10,615	5,858	2,293
Medicine Hat	50	500	600
British Columbia	307,315	205,565	197,856
Kamloops	2,660	2,750	8,050
Nanaimo	350	850	4,300
x New Westminster	38,710	5,690	9,790
Prince Rupert	225	2,535	4,505
x Vancouver	232,875	160,117	126,650
North Vancouver	6,450	2,773	985
x Victoria	26,045	30,850	43,576
Total - 61 Cities	3,535,948	2/ 2,003,309	5,028,324
Total - x35 Cities	3,374,329	1,744,514	4,375,039

1/ Report for East York not received. 2/ Including Riverside, not shown in the May report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1933,
 AND JULY, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$1,453,646, or 41.1 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$2,329,867, or 52.8 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1933, was \$2,082,302, as against \$3,535,948 in June, 1933, and \$4,412,169 in July, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued 265 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$1,000,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$47,859 were authorized by three cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

An increase over June, 1933, was reported in Nova Scotia, where the value of the permits issued was 12.3 p.c. higher in July. The remaining provinces showed declines, that of \$1,028,870 or 57.7 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

In comparison with July, 1932, all provinces showed reductions, that of \$1,362,636 or 64.4 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported decreases as compared with June, 1933, and also as compared with July, 1932. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Boniface and Kamloops showed gains as compared with both June, 1933, and July, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months (1926 = 100)	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months, (1926 average = 100)
1933	\$ 2,082,302	\$ 12,189,591	12.5	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower than in any other of the last thirteen years, having fallen from 144.2 in the first seven months of 1920, to 76.5 in the period January - July 1933. This was a decline of 46.9 p.c.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1933, and July, 1932; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July 1933	June 1933	July 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	-	-	2,500
Nova Scotia	73,675	65,625	119,646
xHalifax	67,835	59,400	104,611
New Glasgow	2,010	1,600	1,160
xSydney	3,830	4,625	13,375
New Brunswick	12,915	38,030	87,782
Fredericton	150	450	5,300
xMoncton	-	23,741	58,275
xSaint John	12,765	13,839	24,207
Quebec	753,416	1,782,286	2,116,052
xMontreal- xMaisonneuve	468,152	1,665,780	1,809,582
xQuebec	86,444	48,851	240,680
Shawinigan Falls	3,825	36,760	125
xSherbrooke	84,600	11,100	46,300
xThree Rivers	4,575	2,575	7,665
xWestmount	105,820	17,220	11,700
Ontario	875,142	999,838	1,172,503
Belleville	8,000	5,415	5,970
xBrantford	14,959	32,645	13,020
Chatham	5,510	3,550	1,785
xFort William	10,750	33,150	28,200
Galt	16,874	16,921	8,015
xGuelph	14,241	10,038	8,448
xHamilton	51,375	23,950	186,700
xKingston	59,572	32,921	7,625
xKitchener	25,348	17,520	2,087
xLondon	48,475	94,200	34,845
Niagara Falls	8,379	870	1,824
Oshawa	2,200	825	1,100
xOttawa	91,430	125,455	115,185
Owen Sound	1,300	2,000	6,100
xPeterborough	2,572	9,355	7,991
xPort Arthur	4,055	21,535	30,510
xStratford	25,987	6,450	3,973
xSt. Catharines	18,907	25,632	50,084
xSt. Thomas	1,616	1,871	2,350
Sarnia	3,274	2,236	3,581
Sault Ste. Marie	4,170	21,150	13,337
xToronto	385,945	458,692	451,050
York & East York Townships	57,125	34,700	115,275
Welland	2,465	1,496	2,540
xWindsor	5,175	7,805	65,750
East Windsor	Nil	257	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	75	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	5,438	8,124	4,193
Manitoba	78,595	139,140	201,525
xBrandon	4,120	4,450	6,250
St. Boniface	10,075	3,840	3,275
xWinnipeg	64,400	130,850	192,000
Saskatchewan	22,965	70,048	207,266
xMoose Jaw	4,300	21,325	112,363
xRegina	14,230	24,773	6,508
xSaskatoon	4,435	23,950	88,395
Alberta	109,086	133,666	190,542
xCalgary	37,448	51,106	68,357
xEdmonton	69,456	71,895	112,395
Lethbridge	1,622	10,615	8,970
Medicine Hat	560	50	820
British Columbia	156,508	307,315	314,348
Kamloops	6,311	2,660	825
Nanaimo	Nil	350	3,250
xNew Westminster	21,150	38,710	17,150
Prince Rupert	6,540	225	10,440
xVancouver	95,510	232,875	232,810
North Vancouver	1,760	6,450	4,965
xVictoria	25,237	26,045	44,908
Total - 61 Cities	2,082,302	3,535,948	4,412,169
Total - x35 Cities	1,934,714	3,374,329	4,205,819

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1933,
 AND SEPTEMBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,032,839; this was an increase of \$94,757 or 4.9 p.c. from the total of \$1,938,082 in August, 1933, but a decrease of \$416,896 or 17.0 p.c. in comparison with the aggregate of \$2,449,735 recorded in September of last year. The increase over August, though not large, is interesting because in the experience of the last thirteen years the September total has usually been smaller than that for August, the average decline between the two months amounting to 12 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$809,000 and over 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at more than \$1,082,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 200 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$1,150,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1933, that of \$184,454, or 47.5 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$200,218 or 19.9 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1932, there were reductions in all provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Quebec, where there were advances of \$91,200 and \$42,322, respectively. In this comparison, British Columbia showed the largest loss of \$179,662 or 40 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a higher total of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed a gain in the former but a loss in the latter comparison, while Toronto showed a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Quebec City, Galt, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Brandon, Prince Rupert and Victoria recorded increases as compared with both August, 1933, and September, 1932.

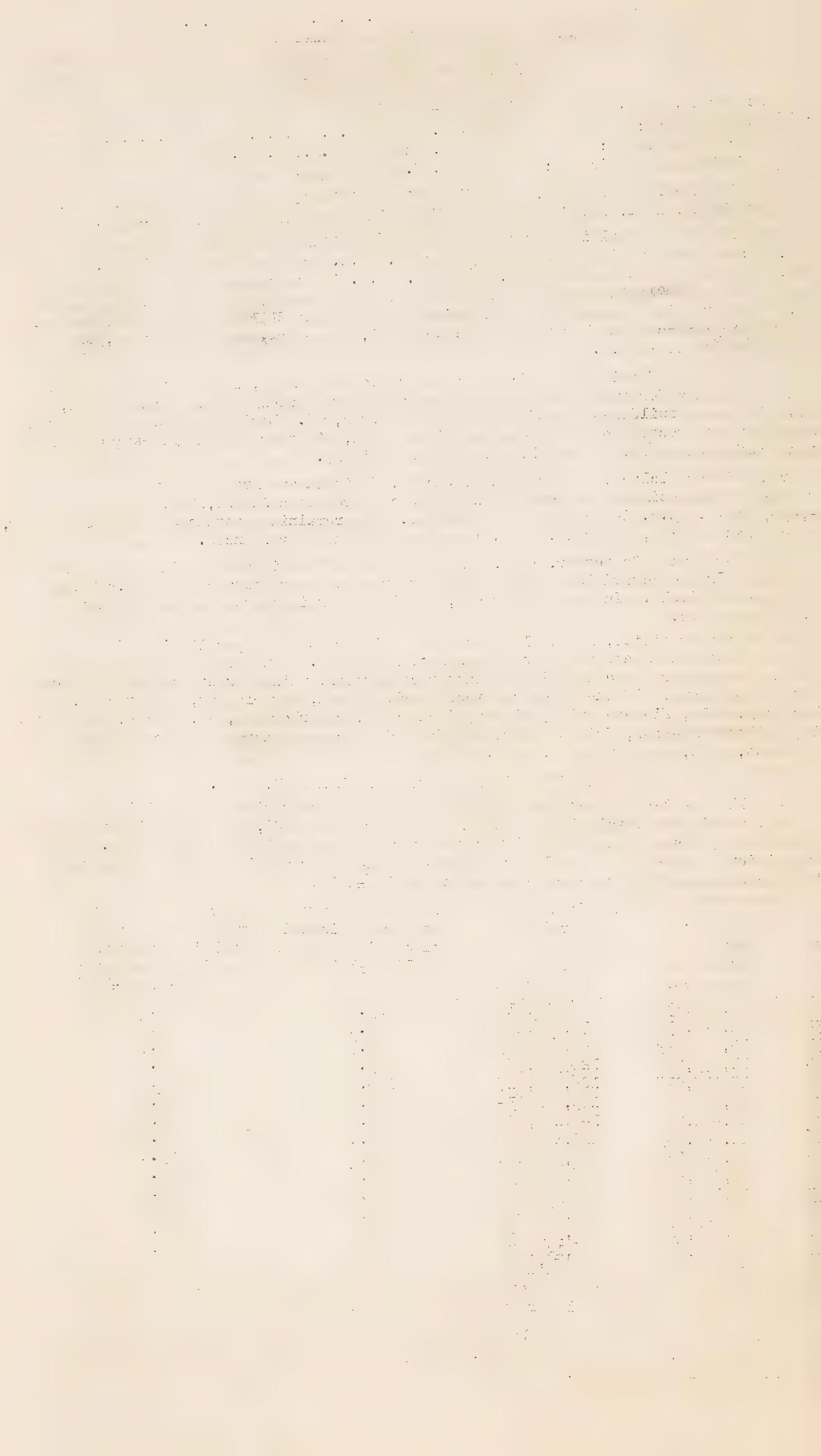
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 60 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months (Average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 2,032,839	\$ 16,125,512	13.4	77.2
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1933, and September, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s

September, 1933

August, 1933

September, 1932

	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	91,200	10,200 1/	Nil
Nova Scotia	39,923	84,480	51,208
x Halifax	32,486	71,800	39,908
New Glasgow	5,507	1,080	580
x Sydney	1,930	11,600	10,720
New Brunswick	23,477	18,766	48,539
Fredericton	6,925	440	Nil
x Moncton	5,055	5,287	28,550
x Saint John	11,497	13,039	19,989
Quebec	572,637	388,183	530,315
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	454,544	269,420	337,560
x Quebec	72,594	71,328	61,245
Shawinigan Falls	5,650	1,900	76,900
x Sherbrooke	8,600	14,900	10,500
x Three Rivers	1,380	2,335	1,180
x Westmount	29,869	28,300	42,930
Ontario	804,868	1,005,086	947,700
Belleville	3,060	8,000	7,900
x Brantford	3,935	18,962	9,061
Chatham	4,000	44,825	6,100
x Fort William	34,500	20,800	76,000
Galt	17,968	11,465	3,371
x Guelph	9,488	5,990	13,665
x Hamilton	44,175	143,050	104,900
x Kingston	9,316	6,331	22,315
x Kitchener	17,929	18,318	13,292
x London	33,050	29,425	35,480
Niagara Falls	6,288	1,310	1,503
Oshawa	7,350	8,695	5,100
x Ottawa	125,185	119,800	67,795
Owen Sound	4,600	3,500	640
x Peterborough	5,930	5,873	1,395
x Port Arthur	10,516	13,005	14,394
x Stratford	4,320	4,535	3,355
x St. Catharines	13,911	19,731	8,939
x St. Thomas	14,365	10,251	13,625
Sarnia	3,203	9,693	5,330
Sault Ste. Marie	14,842	14,445	10,920
x Toronto	325,213	405,469	364,200
York & East York Townships	80,455	55,375	129,035
Welland	3,360	1,350	1,450
x Windsor	3,520	3,700	8,475
East Windsor	100	350	8,040
Riverside	-	-	300
Sandwich	Nil	75	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	1,000
Woodstock	3,289	20,763	10,120
Manitoba	112,575	79,340	131,620
x Brandon	8,800	1,815	7,450
St. Boniface	5,925	3,775	6,120
x Winnipeg	97,850	73,750	118,050
Saskatchewan	20,001	34,825	137,223
x Moose Jaw	900	225	6,221
x Regina	14,161	10,475	18,080
x Saskatoon	4,940	24,125	112,922
Alberta	98,488	138,531	153,798
x Calgary	43,779	96,777	70,873
x Edmonton	50,739	34,465	73,625
Lethbridge	3,085	2,734	8,195
Medicine Hat	885	4,555	1,105
British Columbia	269,670	178,671	449,332
Kamloops	1,574	7,635	8,900
Nanaimo	850	3,090	4,777
x New Westminster	8,400	1,415	13,890
Prince Rupert	11,500	2,267	2,425
x Vancouver	211,985	139,410	383,720
North Vancouver	3,090	1,200	4,195
x Victoria	32,271	23,654	31,425
Total - 61 Cities	2,034,399	1,938,082 1/	2,449,735
Total - x 35 Cities	1,747,133	1,719,360	2,145,729

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933,
 AND OCTOBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$1,762,947; this was a decrease of \$269,892 or 13.5 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,032,839, and of \$1,407,623 or 44.4 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$3,170,570 for October, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 220 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$685,000, and about 1,550 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$800,000, and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1933, while the remaining provinces reported declines. The largest decrease was that of \$133,683 or 49.6 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1932, there were declines in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Manitoba; cities in Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$696,323 or 54.0 p.c.

Montreal showed an increase over September, 1933, but a reduction as compared with October, 1932; in Winnipeg there was a decline as compared with September, 1933, but an improvement over October, 1932, while Toronto and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, East Windsor, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and New Westminster reported increases over both September, 1933, and October, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 1,762,947	\$13,043,654	13.4	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,533	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,553,035	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	15,843,012	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,352,642	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,533	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,042	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1932 and other years since 1920; in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower than in any other of the fourteen years of the record, except 1932.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1933, and October, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	October, 1933	September, 1933	October, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	23,000	91,200	Nil
Nova Scotia	46,871	39,923	102,419
x Halifax	38,293	32,486	91,995
New Glasgow	1,333	5,507	2,220
x Sydney	7,245	1,930	8,204
New Brunswick	11,904	23,477	36,160
Fredericton	1,300	6,925	1,500
x Moncton	3,092	5,055	5,220
x Saint John	7,512	11,497	29,440
Quebec	593,567	572,637	1,289,890
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	507,598	454,544	1,149,200
x Quebec	42,579	72,594	68,440
Shawinigan Falls	125	5,650	1,000
x Sherbrooke	13,500	8,600	11,600
x Three Rivers	3,340	1,380	650
x Westmount	26,425	29,869	59,000
Ontario	714,022	804,868	1,201,672
Belleville	600	3,060	29,300
x Brantford	16,928	3,935	4,955
Chatham	1,550	4,000	5,515
x Fort William	10,450	34,500	7,700
Galt	10,820	17,968	3,398
x Guelph	8,216	9,488	15,244
x Hamilton	22,380	44,175	347,700
x Kingston	15,440	9,316	19,315
x Kitchener	20,410	17,929	32,826
x London	41,825	33,050	30,630
Niagara Falls	5,556	6,288	2,360
Oshawa	4,400	7,350	4,090
x Ottawa	107,705	125,185	91,325
Owen Sound	1,600	4,600	2,800
x Peterborough	2,880	5,930	8,490
x Port Arthur	1,995	10,516	11,935
x Stratford	1,795	4,320	12,164
x St. Catharines	9,373	13,911	8,327
x St. Thomas	19,025	14,365	627
Sarnia	1,985	3,203	3,485
Sault Ste. Marie	4,995	14,842	9,255
x Toronto	323,672	325,213	409,675
York & East York Townships	63,850	80,455	110,775
Welland	4,515	3,360	10,510
x Windsor	4,745	3,520	5,772
East Windsor	1,700	100	225
Riverside	Nil	Nil	200
Sandwich	150	Nil	1,000
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	5,462	3,289	11,124
Manitoba	103,875	112,575	79,240
x Brandon	375	8,800	1,025
St. Boniface	13,050	5,925	6,115
x Winnipeg	90,450	97,850	72,100
Saskatoon	39,277	20,001	90,281
x Moose Jaw	11,645	900	4,776
x Regina	19,777	14,161	9,300
x Saskatoon	7,855	4,940	76,205
Alberta	94,444	98,488	118,079
x Calgary	49,707	43,779	60,819
x Edmonton	38,260	50,739	48,200
Lethbridge	4,977	3,085	7,815
Medicine Hat	1,500	885	1,245
British Columbia	135,987	269,670	252,829
Kamloops	1,070	1,574	8,165
Nanaimo	3,986	850	18,746
x New Westminster	14,000	8,400	8,905
Prince Rupert	960	11,500	1,585
x Vancouver	85,050	211,985	176,498
North Vancouver	3,368	3,090	3,900
x Victoria	27,553	32,271	35,030
Total - 61 Cities	1,762,947	2,032,839	3,170,570
Total - x35 Cities	1,601,095	1,747,133	2,923,242

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1933,
 AND NOVEMBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$1,609,874. This was a seasonal decline of \$152,473 or 8.7 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$1,762,347, and a reduction of \$943,499, or 37.0 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1932, figure of \$2,553,373.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 150 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$600,000, and about 970 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$875,000. In addition, authority was granted for an engineering project valued at \$50,262. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 220 dwellings and 1,550 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$685,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October; the most marked gain was that of \$247,360 or 34.7 p.c. in Ontario. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$237,875, or 40.1 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1932, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$593,507 or 38.2 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal and Vancouver recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November, 1932; in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in October, 1933, but lower than in November of last year, while in Winnipeg there was a reduction in the former but an improvement in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sarnia, Windsor, Kamloops and Nanaimo reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued first eleven months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100).
1933	\$ 1,609,874	\$ 19,653,928	13.6	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,202	150,739,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,610,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,853,176	119.3	98.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	147,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,080	138,693,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower than in 1932 and other years since 1926, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years except 1932. From the high point of 144.3 in 1920, this index had declined to 78.1 in the first eleven months of the present year, or by 46.9 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1933, and November, 1932. The 26 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

C i t i e s	Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.		
	November, 1933	October, 1933	November, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	47,600	46,871	108,703
x Halifax	44,910	38,293	108,123
New Glasgow	1,690	1,333	380
x Sydney	1,000	7,245	200
New Brunswick	13,485	11,904	25,308
Fredericton	3,000	1,300	Nil
x Moncton	2,537	3,092	5,880
x Saint John	7,948	7,512	19,428
Quebec	355,692	593,567	609,054
x Montreal	237,742	507,598	248,174
x Quebec	34,765	42,579	319,895
Shawinigan Falls	1,000	125	4,135
x Sherbrooke	21,500	13,500	4,000
x Three Rivers	1,150	3,340	200
x Westmount	59,535	26,425	32,650
Ontario	960,782	713,422 ^{1/}	1,554,289
Belleville	1,200	600	125
x Brantford	31,592	16,928	1,822
Chatham	2,535	1,550	200
x Fort William	11,600	10,450	21,500
Galt	613	10,820	2,740
x Guelph	4,750	8,216	9,587
x Hamilton	26,460	22,380	44,950
x Kingston	10,198	15,440	7,310
x Kitchener	1,989	20,410	37,474
x London	49,490	41,825	37,985
Niagara Falls	1,690	5,556	2,145
Oshawa	11,100	4,400	6,665
x Ottawa	59,965	107,705	38,450
Owen Sound	2,400	1,600	1,100
x Peterborough	9,840	2,880	6,383
x Port Arthur	10,695	1,995	25,126
x Stratford	8,545	1,795	1,635
x St. Catharines	1,370	9,373	17,920
x St. Thomas	3,575	19,025	3,525
Sarnia	12,720	1,985	4,880
Sault Ste. Marie	3,310	4,995	950
x Toronto	638,756	323,672	1,229,954
York & East York Townships	45,145	63,850	46,249
Welland	670	4,515	1,070
x Windsor	5,475	4,745	1,660
East Windsor	Nil	1,100 ^{1/}	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	150	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	5,099	5,462	2,884
Manitoba	51,085	103,875	30,400
x Brandon	Nil	375	Nil
St. Boniface	10,685	13,050	300
x Winnipeg	40,400	90,450	30,100
Saskatchewan	8,575	39,277	38,779
x Moose Jaw	25	11,645	100
x Regina	5,605	19,777	12,450
x Saskatoon	2,945	7,855	26,229
Alberta	61,784	94,444	50,619
x Calgary	34,864	49,707	15,934
x Edmonton	21,470	38,260	13,485
Lethbridge	4,950	4,977	50
Medicine Hat	500	1,500	21,150
British Columbia	110,871	135,987	136,221
Kamloops	3,390	1,070	1,940
Nanaimo	4,400	3,986	2,504
x New Westminster	1,000	14,000	9,305
Prince Rupert	275	960	275
x Vancouver	78,314	85,050	111,893
North Vancouver	450	3,368	145
x Victoria	23,042	27,553	10,159
Total - 61 cities	1,609,874	1,762,347 ^{1/}	2,553,373
Total - x35 cities	1,493,052	1,601,095	2,453,486
1/ Corrected total.			

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1933, AND DECEMBER, 1932, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-33.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1933, represented construction work valued at \$1,975,855, as compared with \$1,609,874 in November, 1933, and \$1,569,255 in December, 1932. There was, therefore, an increase of \$365,981 or 22.7 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$406,600 or 25.9 p.c. in comparison with the same month of 1932. The December, 1933, figure was the lowest for the month in any year since 1920, except 1932; the wholesale prices of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, however, were also lower than in other years of the record of fourteen years with the exception of 1932.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 60 permits for dwellings valued at some \$305,000 and over 400 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$1,500,000. There was also a permit taken out in Brantford for engineering work at a cost of \$36,000. During November, the construction of some 150 dwellings and 970 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$875,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the authorized building, Quebec showing the greatest gain of \$482,548 or 135.7 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,331 or 65.2 p.c. in British Columbia being most pronounced.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases as compared with December, 1932, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked gain of \$577,300 or 214.3 p.c.

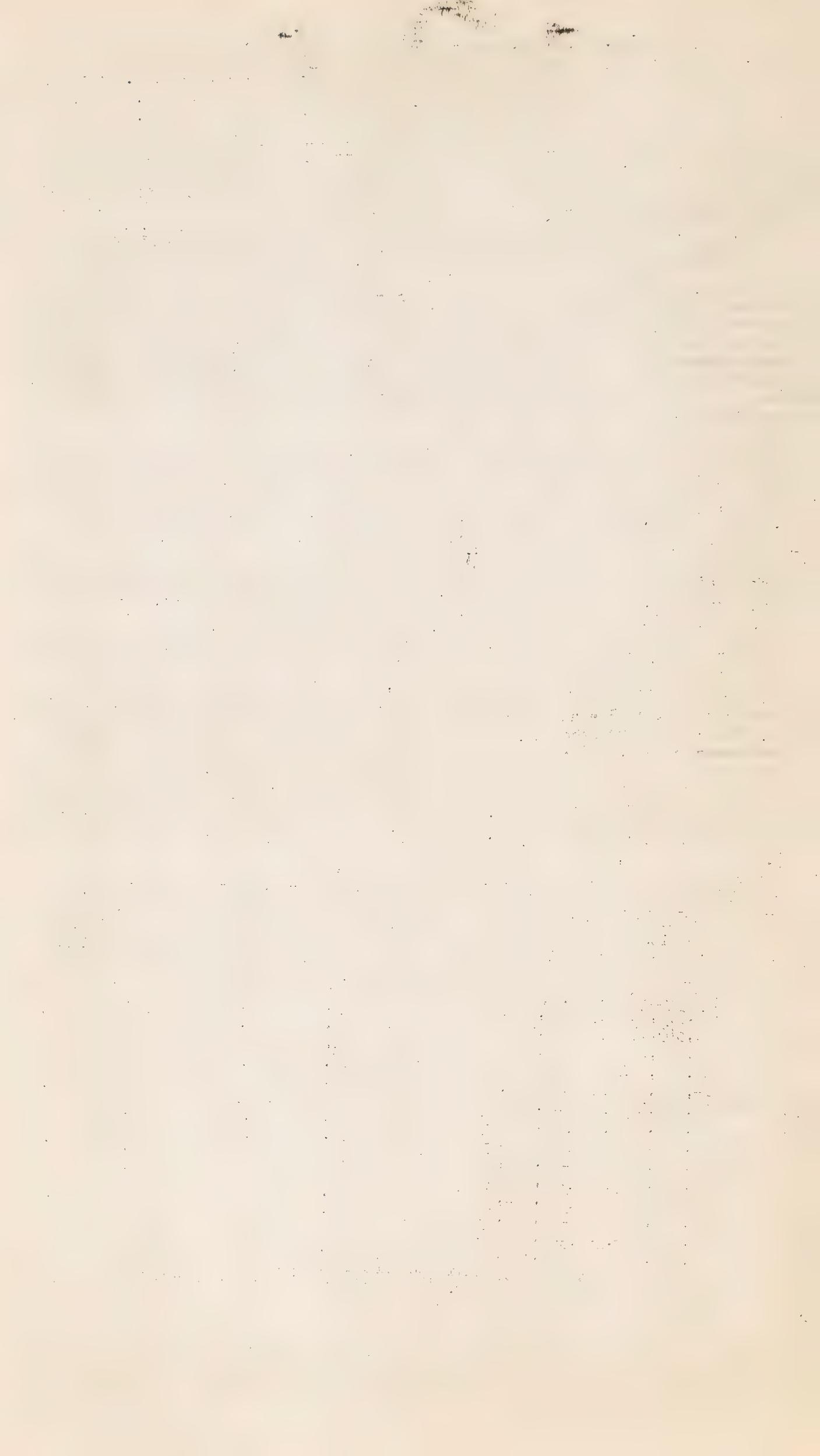
Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1933, and December, 1932; Toronto showed an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. On the contrary, Winnipeg reported a decline as compared with November, 1933, but an increase over December, 1932, while Vancouver showed a reduction in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, York and East York, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina and North Vancouver recorded advances as compared with the preceding month, and also over December, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1933.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1933 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1933 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-33. (Average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (Average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 1,975,855	\$ 21,629,783	13.8	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,166	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1933 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower than in any other of these years except 1932.



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1933	November, 1933	December, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	11,540	47,600	48,900
x Halifax	8,940	44,910	48,525
New Glasgow	600	1,690	375
x Sydney	2,000	1,000	Nil
New Brunswick	57,020	13,485	22,655
Fredericton	55,000	3,000	Nil
x Moncton	360	2,537	215
x Saint John	1,660	7,948	22,440
Quebec	838,240	355,692	260,940
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	547,215	237,742	215,805
x Quebec	256,530	34,765	12,035
Shawinigan Falls	4,620	1,000	Nil
x Sherbrooke	5,000	21,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	600	1,150	500
x Westmount	24,275	59,535	30,400
Ontario	986,176	960,782	956,611
Belleville	Nil	1,200	2,650
x Brantford	36,088	31,592	2,155
Chatham	100	2,535	2,800
x Fort William	100	11,600	150
Galt	120	613	405
x Guelph	25,650	4,750	1,785
x Hamilton	31,500	26,460	11,600
x Kingston	950	10,198	8,250
x Kitchener	224	1,989	7,560
x London	102,725	49,490	21,995
Niagara Falls	2,965	1,690	300
Oshawa	Nil	11,100	375
x Ottawa	1,450	59,965	47,645
Owen Sound	Nil	2,400	Nil
x Peterborough	500	9,840	555
x Port Arthur	540	10,695	2,935
x Stratford	1,420	8,545	1,535
x St. Catharines	4,575	1,370	2,100
x St. Thomas	350	3,575	Nil
Sarnia	2,515	12,720	886
Sault Ste. Marie	2,640	3,310	2,430
x Toronto	696,383	638,756	822,913
York & East York Townships	54,375	45,145	9,374
Welland	50	670	1,725
x Windsor	11,550	5,475	2,275
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	5,000	-	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	3,406	5,099	2,213
Manitoba	21,000	51,085	114,754
x Brandon	2,200	Nil	1,804
St. Boniface	350	10,685	100,050
x Winnipeg	18,450	40,400	12,900
Saskatchewan	9,975	8,575	73,064
x Moose Jaw	25	25	1,000
x Regina	8,175	5,605	630
x Saskatoon	1,775	2,945	71,434
Alberta	13,364	61,784	20,425
x Calgary	8,052	34,864	13,008
x Edmonton	4,535	21,470	5,960
Lethbridge	742	4,950	1,457
Medicine Hat	35	500	Nil
British Columbia	38,540	110,871	71,906
Kamloops	417	3,390	620
Nanaimo	2,500	4,400	175
x New Westminster	800	1,000	2,650
Prince Rupert	1,060	275	1,725
x Vancouver	21,575	78,314	53,660
North Vancouver	1,075	450	850
x Victoria	11,113	23,042	12,226
Total - 61 Cities	1,975,855	1,609,874	1,569,255
Total - x35 Cities	1,837,085	1,493,052	1,440,845

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1933, AND JANUARY, 1933.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1933; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$693,962, compared with \$1,983,292^{1/} in December, 1933, and \$1,185,961^{1/} in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 41.5 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 40 permits for dwellings valued at about \$136,000, and about 460 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 60 dwellings and 400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$305,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1933, the gain of \$26,628 or 61.0 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$747,635, or 89.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with January, 1933, New Brunswick and Ontario showed increases of 22.7 p.c. and 29.4 p.c. respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$243,476 or 98.5 p.c. in Saskatchewan being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Toronto, there was a decline in the former but an increase in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1933. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons—Moncton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1934.

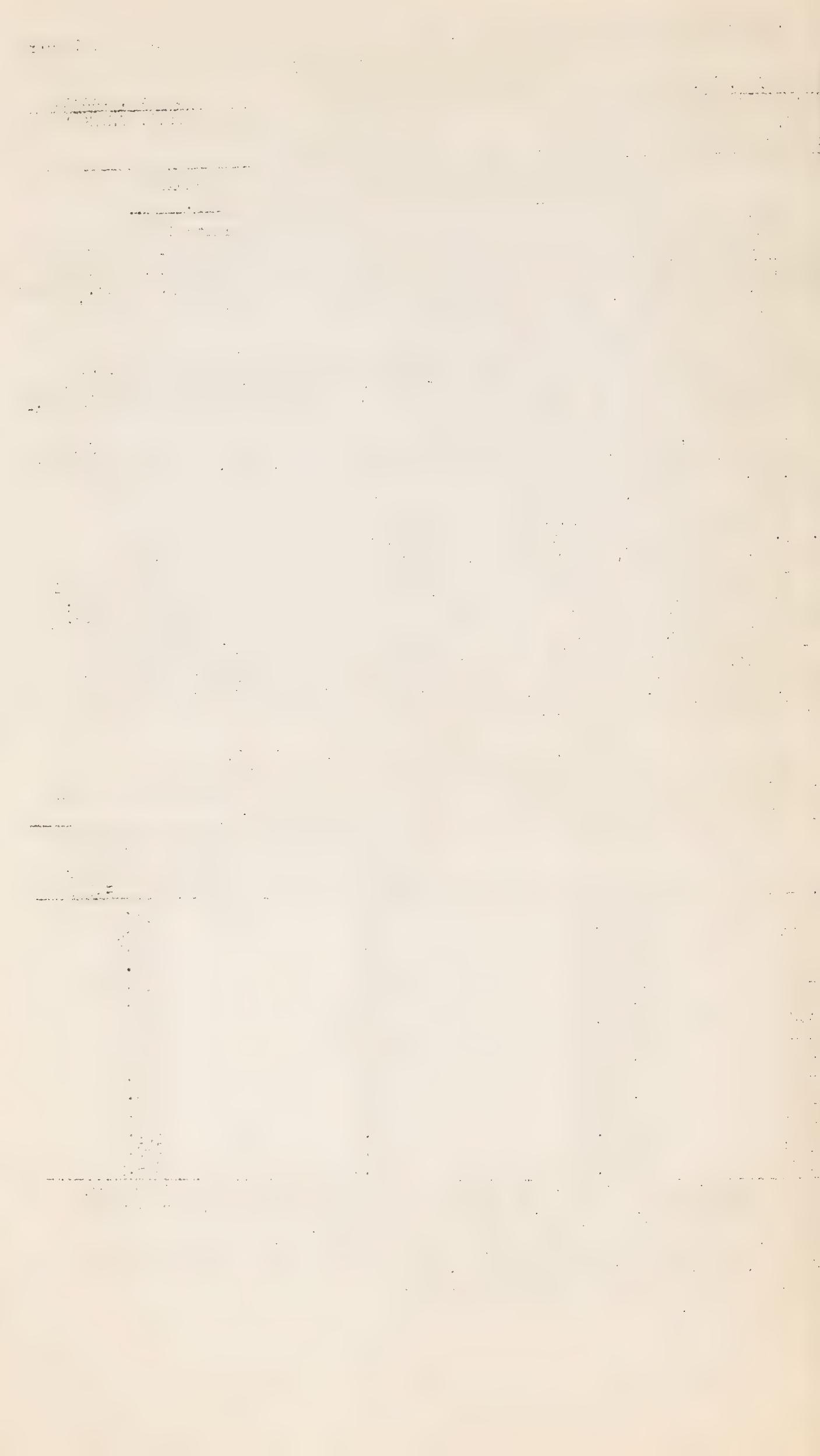
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 692,962	14.7	83.3
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.8
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1934 figure for January was smaller than in any other year of this record, but it should also be noted that wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of most other years since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1934, and December and January, 1933. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

1/ Revised Figure.



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 cities.

Cities	January, 1934	December, 1933	January, 1933
P.E.I. ~ Charlottetown	31,115	11,540	37,435
Nova Scotia	31,115	8,940	37,290
x Halifax	Nil	600	Nil
New Glasgow	Nil	2,000	145
x Sydney	Nil	57,020	5,780
New Brunswick	18,917	55,000	Nil
Fredericton	3,512	360	700
x Moncton	15,405	1,660	5,680
x Saint John	1,605	833,240	33,3765
Quebec	75,625	547,215	38,120
x Montreal ~ x Maisonneuve	8,405	256,530	11,575
x Quebec	150	4,620	Nil
Shawinigan Falls	4,500	5,000	4,300
x Sherbrooke	700	600	Nil
x Three Rivers	225	24,275	4,200
x Westmount	443,820	988,538	343,027
Ontario	300	Nil	625
Belleville	20,857	36,088	425
x Brantford	2,500	100	800
Chatham	2,000	100	200
x Fort William	4,710	120	3,345
Galt	100	25,650	1,050
x Guelph	21,750	31,500	39,100
x Hamilton	5,010	950	565
x Kingston	1,055	224	880
x Kitchener	38,705	102,725	29,715
x London	50	2,965	3,800
Niagara Falls	Nil	Nil	Nil
Oshawa	47,265	1,450	11,450
x Ottawa	Nil	Nil	2,200
Owen Sound	11,930	500	1,100
x Peterborough	1,900	540	1,065
x Port Arthur	175	1,420	625
x Stratford	5,050	4,575	997
x St. Catharines	4,550	350	9,820
x St. Thomas	1,299	2,515	2,940
Sarnia	243	2,640	185
Sault Ste. Marie	226,343	698,745	161,033
x Toronto	31,560	54,375	58,720
York & East York Townships	3,231	50	6,050
Welland	10,250	11,550	11,400
x Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
East Windsor	Nil	5,000	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	1,000	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	3,406	957
x Woodstock	2,982	21,000	17,350
Manitoba	12,725	2,200	250
x Brandon	Nil	350	1,250
St. Boniface	1,275	18,450	15,850
x Winnipeg	11,450	9,950	247,211
Saskatchewan	3,735	Nil	Nil
x Moose Jaw	Nil	8,175	245,611
x Regina	3,435	1,775	1,600
x Saskatoon	300	1,775	33,525
Alberta	22,777	13,364	14,591
x Calgary	14,137	8,052	6,110
x Edmonton	8,490	4,535	12,824
Lethbridge	Nil	742	Nil
Medicine Hat	150	35	2,000
British Columbia	70,268	43,640	173,268
Kamloops	2,700	517	450
Nanaimo	475	2,500	455
x New Westminster	2,000	800	2,000
Prince Rupert	1,800	1,060	200
x Vancouver	51,229	21,575	145,230
North Vancouver	1,435	1,075	84
x Victoria	10,629	16,113	24,701
Total - 61 Cities	69,962	1,983,29247	1,452,961
Total - x 35 Cities	64,079	1,344,6221/	1,056,970

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1934, AND FEBRUARY, 1933.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$188,190 or 26.2 p.c. than in the preceding month, but was lower by \$44,742 or 4.8 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$881,152 during February, 1934, as compared with \$692,962 in January, 1934, and \$925,894 in February, 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 100 permits for dwellings valued at about \$229,000, and more than 580 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$590,000. In addition, two engineering projects, valued at \$37,000, were reported. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 40 dwellings and 460 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$136,000 and \$480,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934; the largest gain, of \$108,850 or 121.5 p.c., took place in Quebec. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$5,209 or 22.9 p.c. in Alberta was most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1933, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan recorded increases, that of \$85,421 or 22.4 p.c. in Ontario being most marked; the greatest decrease of \$116,717 or 50.2 p.c. was shown in British Columbia.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934, and also as compared with February, 1933. Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the first but reductions in the second instance, while in Winnipeg, there was a decrease as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over February of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Sarnia, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of Wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of building materials		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
			permits issued in first two months	in first two months (1926=100)	
1934	\$ 881,152	\$ 1,574,114	13.3		83.5
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8		75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1		79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8		83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1		96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2		99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1		96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3		97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0		102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7		103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1		112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8		110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0		108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9		140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8		137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1934 was lower than in the same months of 1933 and earlier years of the record; the wholesale costs of building materials, though slightly higher than in 1933 and 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, were considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1934	January, 1934	February, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	32,240	31,115	29,600
x Halifax	30,740	31,115	27,900
New Glasgow	1,500	Nil	1,700
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	14,815	18,917	15,565
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	5,150	3,512	1,000
x Saint John	9,665	15,405	14,565
Quebec	198,455	89,605	214,575
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	132,765	75,625	194,210
x Quebec	54,880	8,405	13,590
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	150	1,300
x Sherbrooke	6,150	4,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	60	700	775
x Westmount	4,600	225	2,500
Ontario	466,877	443,820	381,456
Belleville	1,050	300	Nil
x Brantford	11,270	20,857	857
Chatham	200	2,500	1,150
x Fort William	11,150	2,000	16,500
Galt	35,600	4,710	2,780
x Guelph	1,500	100	10,260
x Hamilton	16,550	21,750	5,800
x Kingston	3,450	5,010	2,780
x Kitchener	13,135	1,055	4,435
x London	40,865	38,705	34,855
Niagara Falls	2	50	350
Oshawa	2,500	Nil	1,730
x Ottawa	39,200	47,265	42,525
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	375
x Peterborough	8,800	11,930	10
x Port Arthur	2,705	1,900	19,715
x Stratford	200	175	3,170
x St. Catharines	4,310	5,050	885
x St. Thomas	75	4,550	Nil
Sarnia	2,965	1,299	1,760
Sault Ste. Marie	145	248	5,085
x Toronto	245,160	226,343	184,503
York & East York Townships	10,450	31,560	33,986
Welland	1,550	3,231	4,750
x Windsor	12,530	10,250	2,600
East Windsor	300	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	800	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	415	2,982	595
Manitoba	14,100	12,725	8,500
x Brandon	2,200	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	1,300	1,275	750
x Winnipeg	10,600	11,450	7,750
Saskatchewan	21,350	3,735	8,120
x Moose Jaw	75	Nil	2,000
x Regina	11,890	3,435	5,670
x Saskatoon	9,385	300	450
Alberta	17,568	22,777	35,614
x Calgary	9,891	14,137	25,684
x Edmonton	4,535	8,490	9,065
Lethbridge	1,892	Nil	770
Medicine Hat	1,250	150	95
British Columbia	115,747	70,268	232,464
Kamloops	2,650	2,700	8,602
Nanaimo	620	475	1,120
x New Westminster	4,040	2,000	6,050
Prince Rupert	1,275	1,800	1,530
x Vancouver	87,710	51,229	195,875
North Vancouver	665	1,435	150
x Victoria	18,787	10,629	19,137
Total - 61 Cities	881,152	692,962	925,894
Total - x 35 Cities	813,438	641,079	857,316

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1934,
 AND MARCH, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920 - 1934.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$1,089,481; this was an increase of \$208,329 or 23.6 p.c. over the February total of \$881,152, and was also an increase of \$135,515 or 14.2 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$953,966 reported for the same month in 1933. The gain in March, 1934, over March of last year, though comparatively small, is interesting because, with the exception of December, 1933, this is the first month in several years in which such a comparison has been favourable.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted 185 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$300,000 and some 850 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$700,000. In addition, one centre reported that it had authorized an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,100. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 100 dwellings and more than 580 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$229,000 and \$590,000, respectively, while two engineering projects, valued at \$37,000, were also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1934, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$103,651 or 52.2 p.c. in Quebec and \$60,349 or 343.5 p.c. in Alberta. The largest absolute decline in the remaining provinces was that of \$15,415 in Ontario, although the proportionate decrease of \$5,135 or 15.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia was greater.

As compared with March, 1933, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, those of \$81,233 or 36.8 p.c. in Quebec and \$51,128 or 12.8 p.c. in Ontario being most marked. Of the reductions recorded, the largest was that of \$47,690 or 63.8 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed increases as compared with February, 1934, and March, 1933, while Winnipeg reported a gain in the first, but a decline in the second comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, East Windsor, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported higher totals than in either February, 1934, or March, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1926=100)
1934	\$ 1,089,481	\$ 2,663,595	11.8	83.5
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,630,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

The total value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1934 was less than in the same period in other years since 1920; the wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1933 and 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, were considerably lower than in the first three months in any other year since 1920.

C i t i e s	Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.		
	March, 1934	February, 1934	March, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ 1/	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	27,105	32,240	74,795
x Halifax	26,355	30,740	74,595
New Glasgow	400	1,500	200
x Sydney	350	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	17,325	14,815	27,450
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	5,000
x Moncton	1/	5,150	5,550
x Saint John	17,325	9,665	16,900
Quebec	302,106	198,455	220,873
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	198,711	132,765	183,515
x Quebec	44,570	54,880	15,530
Shawinigan Falls	200	Nil	450
x Sherbrooke	8,000	6,150	2,000
x Three Rivers	Nil	60	1,525
x Westmount	50,625	4,600	17,853
Ontario	451,462	466,877	400,334
Belleville	2,255	1,050	Nil
x Brantford	6,078	11,270	2,879
Chatham	2,300	200	9,450
x Fort William	15,550	11,150	33,250
Galt	11,680	35,600	1,565
x Guelph	150	1,500	1,615
x Hamilton	6,950	16,550	28,825
x Kingston	2,760	3,450	3,112
x Kitchener	8,625	13,135	6,187
x London	15,315	40,865	44,175
Niagara Falls	1,132	2	2,016
Oshawa	500	2,500	1,425
x Ottawa	15,055	39,200	34,505
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	6,900
x Peterborough	1,125	8,800	5,075
x Port Arthur	2,547	2,705	8,029
x Stratford	5,950	200	250
x St. Catharines	2,333	4,310	3,235
x St. Thomas	3,220	75	280
Sarnia	4,015	2,965	2,621
Sault Ste. Marie	405	145	975
x Toronto	322,262	245,160	182,293
York & East York Townships	8,950	10,450	15,730
Welland	1,685	1,550	2,000
x Windsor	8,175	12,530	3,240
East Windsor	1,100	300	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	600	800	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	745	415	702
Manitoba	30,096	14,100	31,310
x Brandon	4,896	2,200	110
St. Boniface	2,200	1,300	Nil
x Winnipeg	23,000	10,600	31,200
Saskatchewan	18,670	21,350	17,675
x Moose Jaw	1,100	75	1,000
x Regina	16,170	11,890	10,735
x Saskatoon	1,400	9,385	5,940
Alberta	77,917	17,568	38,575
x Calgary	48,725	9,891	24,300
x Edmonton	24,335	4,535	12,205
Lethbridge	357	1,892	1,870
Medicine Hat	4,500	1,250	200
British Columbia	104,800	115,747	142,954
Kamloops	735	2,650	9,923
Nanaimo	1,100	620	725
x New Westminster	6,500	4,040	4,625
Prince Rupert	850	1,275	2,585
x Vancouver	131,350	87,710	97,730
North Vancouver	825	665	2,120
x Victoria	23,440	18,787	25,246
Total .. 61 Cities	1,089,481	881,152	953,966
Total - x35 Cities	1,042,947	813,438	887,509

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1934,
AND APRIL, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$2,246,317 during April, as compared with \$1,090,206 (revised figure) in the preceding month, and \$1,595,502 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$1,156,111 or 106.0 p.c. in the first comparison, and of \$650,815, or 40.8 p.c. as compared with April, 1933. The increase in the latter comparison (like that which occurred in the preceding month over March, 1933), is especially interesting, these two being the first gains shown in such a comparison over a period of many months. The cumulative total for the first four months of 1934, (viz. \$4,910,637), though lower than in earlier years of the record, was higher by 5.3 p.c. than in the same period of 1933; this is the first time since 1929 that the cumulative value of the building authorized in any period has been greater than in the same period of the preceding year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1934, showing that they had issued some 250 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000 and for more than 1,600 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$1,400,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 185 dwellings and 850 other buildings, valued at approximately \$300,000 and \$700,000, respectively, while one engineering project valued at approximately \$5,100 was also reported.

All provinces (except Prince Edward Island, from which no data were received for either April or March), recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest absolute gain of \$580,126 or 128.5 p.c., taking place in Ontario.

In the more significant comparison with April, 1933, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Manitoba, that of \$342,333 or 49.7 p.c. in Ontario being most notable.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1933; in Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in March, 1934, but rather less than in April, 1933. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Brantford, Fort William, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1934, and also with April, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100.

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials (1926=100)
			value of permits issued in first four months	(1926-100)	
1934	\$ 2,246,317	\$ 4,910,637	11.8	83.4	
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1	
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1	
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7	
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2	
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4	
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7	
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3	
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7	
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1	
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6	
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8	
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7	
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9	
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1	

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was rather higher than in the same period of 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1932 and 1933, and practically the same as in 1931, was lower than in any other year of the record.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1934	March, 1934	April, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Nova Scotia	64,200	27,105	64,050
x Halifax	62,170	26,355	63,200
New Glasgow	830	400	500
x Sydney	1,200	350	550
New Brunswick	40,645	1/ 18,050	57,543
Fredericton	2,150	Nil	6,725
x Moncton	7,180	725	11,297
x Saint John	31,315	17,325	39,521
Quebec	498,748	302,106	426,345
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	335,018	198,711	343,445
x Quebec	39,180	44,570	31,466
Shawinigan Falls	17,580	200	1,430
x Sherbrooke	12,000	8,000	11,800
x Three Rivers	38,980	Nil	1,845
x Westmount	55,990	50,625	36,359
Ontario	1,031,588	451,462	689,255
Belleville	2,050	2,255	5,450
x Brantford	16,378	6,078	4,962
Chatham	14,250	2,300	14,250
x Fort William	26,150	15,550	16,350
Galt	4,942	11,680	3,354
x Guelph	10,010	150	3,475
x Hamilton	101,655	6,950	40,200
x Kingston	21,634	2,760	18,802
x Kitchener	32,413	8,625	14,451
x London	39,485	15,315	18,855
Niagara Falls	500	1,132	797
Oshawa	7,325	500	3,510
x Ottawa	124,040	15,055	105,350
Owen Sound	6,000	Nil	8,400
x Peterborough	10,460	1,125	85,395
x Port Arthur	5,865	2,547	9,410
x Stratford	6,183	5,950	8,725
x St. Catharines	10,177	2,333	9,225
x St. Thomas	1,070	3,220	1,275
Sarnia	3,510	4,015	3,385
Sault Ste. Marie	9,640	405	3,925
x Toronto	462,603	322,262	222,198
York & East York Townships	65,207	8,950	62,730
Welland	32,360	1,685	16,175
x Windsor	6,755	8,175	2,430
East Windsor	690	1,100	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	300	600	Nil
Walkerville	2,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	7,936	745	6,176
Manitoba	61,614	30,096	75,506
x Brandon	2,714	4,896	17,731
St. Boniface	4,050	2,200	1,175
x Winnipeg	54,850	23,000	56,600
Saskatchewan	69,860	18,670	25,070
x Moose Jaw	56,650	1,100	1,100
x Regina	7,825	16,170	8,600
x Saskatoon	5,385	1,400	15,370
Alberta	216,534	77,917	93,243
x Calgary	151,894	48,725	25,992
x Edmonton	46,195	24,335	57,525
Lethbridge	17,435	357	4,246
Medicine Hat	1,010	4,500	5,480
British Columbia	263,128	164,800	154,490
Kamloops	6,712	735	5,635
Nanaimo	31,906	1,100	10,030
x New Westminster	4,775	6,500	11,040
Prince Rupert	43,900	850	500
x Vancouver	143,380	131,350	100,870
North Vancouver	590	825	5,150
x Victoria	31,865	23,440	21,265
Total - 61 cities	2,246,317	1/ 1,090,206	1,595,502
Total - x35 cities	1,963,444	1/ 1,043,672	1,416,679
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1934, AND MAY, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1934, was higher by 31.0 p.c. than in April, 1934, and was also higher by 42.4 p.c. than in May, 1933. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$2,942,096, as compared with \$2,246,317 in the preceding month, and \$2,065,372 in May, 1933. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that though the improvement is not very large, there is an increase over the total for each of the first four months of this year and also over May, 1933, while the aggregate for the first five months of 1934 exceeds by 16.7 p.c. that for the same period of 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued almost 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and for some 2,200 other buildings estimated to cost over \$1,400,000. In addition, Brantford reported the authorization of an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$800,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1934, that of \$382,735 or 76.7 p.c. in Quebec being the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered increases; of these that of \$349,888 or 65.8 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

Of the four larger cities, Montreal and Toronto construction showed improvement both as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1933; Winnipeg registered a gain as compared with April, 1934, but a loss as compared with May, 1933, while in Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterboro, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sandwich, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops and New Westminster recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100).
1934	\$ 2,942,096	\$ 7,852,733	13.1	83.4
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of 1934 was lower than in the same period of any previous year of this record except 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920 except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1934, and May, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1934	April, 1934	May, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,100
Nova Scotia	105,930	64,200	78,360
x Halifax	102,205	62,170	72,260
New Glasgow	2,050	830	5,800
x Sydney	1,675	1,200	300
New Brunswick	33,682	40,645	31,245
Fredericton	7,555	2,150	6,125
x Moncton	26,127	7,180	3,740
x Saint John	7	31,315	21,380
Quebec	881,483	498,748	551,595
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	505,091	335,018	469,051
x Quebec	36,806	39,180	38,996
Shawinigan Falls	96,855	17,580	1,200
x Sherbrooke	10,200	12,000	7,100
x Three Rivers	158,325	38,980	8,488
x Westmount	74,206	55,990	6,760
Ontario	1,360,024	1,031,588	907,972
Belleville	27,900	2,050	1,725
x Brantford	8,296	16,378	7,551
Chatham	2,700	14,250	1,000
x Fort William	19,650	26,150	25,750
Galt	7,394	4,942	15,431
x Guelph	9,340	10,010	13,892
x Hamilton	112,680	101,655	53,385
x Kingston	14,598	21,634	19,680
x Kitchener	18,103	32,413	12,542
x London	63,455	39,485	24,695
Niagara Falls	21,040	500	9,424
Oshawa	3,600	7,325	7,800
x Ottawa	264,250	124,040	91,245
Owen Sound	3,000	6,000	5,600
x Peterboro	33,415	10,460	5,370
x Port Arthur	11,975	5,865	14,255
x Stratford	6,400	6,183	5,840
x St. Catharines	17,090	10,177	7,535
x St. Thomas	2,105	1,070	2,435
Sarnia	30,670	3,510	17,515
Sault Ste. Marie	21,585	9,640	16,655
x Toronto	529,972	462,603	395,343
York & East York Townships	104,950	65,207	125,890
Welland	9,430	32,360	3,405
x Windsor	4,621	6,755	8,855
East Windsor	475	690	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	1,000
Sandwich	700	300	250
Walkerville	2,000	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	8,630	7,936	12,924
Manitoba	147,861	61,614	162,780
x Brandon	10,306	2,714	6,695
St. Boniface	4,205	4,050	11,785
x Winnipeg	133,350	54,850	144,300
Saskatchewan	75,290	69,860	25,780
x Moose Jaw	2,820	56,650	2,325
x Regina	32,925	7,825	8,930
x Saskatoon	39,545	5,385	14,525
British Columbia	157,404	216,534	96,825
x Calgary	45,260	151,894	37,617
x Edmonton	96,640	46,195	52,840
Lethbridge	9,124	17,435	5,862
Medicine Hat	6,380	1,010	500
x British Columbia	180,422	263,128	214,715
Kamloops	8,472	6,712	2,750
Nanaimo	200	31,906	850
x New Westminster	17,190	4,775	5,690
Prince Rupert	1,375	43,900	1,685
x Vancouver	119,235	143,380	160,117
North Vancouver	240	590	2,773
x Victoria	33,710	31,865	40,850
Total - 61 Cities	2,942,096	2,246,317	2,065,372
Total - x35 Cities	2,561,566	1,963,444	1,790,317

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1934,
AND JUNE, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$2,364,109; this was a decrease of \$63,586 or 21.9 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,997,695, and of \$1,225,095 or 34.1 p.c., as compared with June, 1933, when the authorizations amounted to \$3,589,204. The record for the last fourteen years shows that the value of the building authorized in June is usually rather less than in May, the decline, on the average, being over six p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1934, showing that they had issued more than 240 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$960,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,145,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$33,319 were authorized in two cities, viz., Brantford and Port Arthur. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 300 dwellings and some 2,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1934, was recorded in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, where there were gains of 7.6 p.c. and 9.3 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere reported, that of \$389,253 or 44.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with June, 1933, there were increases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, amounting to 73.7 p.c., 35.6 p.c. and 28.2 p.c., respectively. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Quebec reporting the greatest loss of \$1,290,056, or 72.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Winnipeg recorded reductions in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1934, and also with June, 1933; Vancouver showed a gain in the first, but a decline in the second comparison, while the total value of building authorized in Toronto was higher in June, 1934, than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, St. Boniface, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert also reported improvement over May, 1934, and June, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same year are also given.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 2,364,109	\$10,282,641	13.1	83.5
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	75.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,437	85,413,985	103.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was practically the same as in the first half of 1933, but was lower than in previous years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, while higher than in the first half of 1933 or 1932, and the same as in 1931, was lower than in other years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and May, 1934, and June, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Cities	June, 1934	May, 1934	June, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 32,300	\$ 15,800
Nova Scotia	114,010	105,930	65,625
x Halifax	107,130	102,205	59,400
New Glasgow	1,280	2,050	1,600
x Sydney	5,600	1,675	4,625
New Brunswick	51,125	56,981	37,705
Fredericton	3,650	7,555	450
x Moncton	1/-	26,127	23,416
x Saint John	47,475	23,299	13,839
Quebec	492,230	881,483	1,782,286
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	360,695	505,091	1,665,780
x Quebec	18,635	36,806	48,851
Shawinigan Falls	6,100	96,855	36,760
x Sherbrooke	16,100	10,200	11,100
x Three Rivers	56,600	158,325	2,575
x Westmount	34,100	74,206	17,220
Ontario	1,317,006	1,360,024	1,027,524
Belleville	10,500	27,900	5,415
x Brantford	25,064	8,296	32,645
Chatham	100	2,700	3,550
x Fort William	14,900	19,650	33,150
Galt	8,072	7,394	16,921
x Guelph	32,452	9,340	10,038
x Hamilton	86,170	112,680	23,950
x Kingston	22,395	14,593	32,921
x Kitchener	43,050	18,103	17,520
x London	52,210	63,455	94,200
Niagara Falls	1,860	21,040	870
Oshawa	6,000	3,600	825
x Ottawa	118,615	264,250	125,455
Owen Sound	1,750	3,000	2,000
x Peterboro	11,045	33,415	9,355
x Fort Arthur	23,790	11,975	21,535
x Stratford	3,463	6,400	6,450
x St. Catharines	8,580	17,090	25,632
x St. Thomas	5,100	2,105	1,871
Sarnia	16,270	30,670	2,236
Sault Ste. Marie	7,540	21,585	21,150
x Toronto	705,438	529,972	468,668
York & East York Townships	96,830	104,950	52,410
Welland	2,700	9,430	1,496
x Windsor	5,930	4,621	7,805
East Windsor	Nil	475	257
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	400	700	75
Walkerville	Nil	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	6,732	8,630	8,124
Manitoba	81,440	147,861	139,140
x Brandon	1,955	10,306	4,450
St. Boniface	14,635	4,205	3,840
x Winnipeg	64,850	133,350	130,850
Saskatchewan	17,565	75,290	70,048
x Moose Jaw	3,650	2,820	21,325
x Regina	13,915	32,925	24,773
x Saskatoon	1/-	39,545	23,950
Alberta	93,585	157,404	133,761
x Calgary	33,848	45,260	51,106
x Edmonton	53,995	96,640	71,895
Lethbridge	5,087	9,124	10,710
Medicine Hat	655	6,380	50
British Columbia	197,148	180,422	317,315
Kamloops	495	8,472	2,660
Nanaimo	1,900	200	350
x New Westminster	4,100	17,190	38,710
Prince Rupert	7,030	1,375	225
x Vancouver	367,190	119,235	232,875
North Vancouver	410	240	6,450
x Victoria	16,023	33,710	36,045
Total .. 61 Cities	2,364,109	2,997,695	3,589,204
Total .. x35 Cities	2,164,063	2,584,865	3,393,980

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1934,
AND JULY, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July stood at \$3,219,086; this was an increase of \$854,977 or 36.2 p.c., as compared with the total of \$2,364,109 reported in the preceding month. The gain is especially interesting since the experience of the last fourteen years shows that the building authorized is usually lower in July than in June. The comparison with the July, 1933, aggregate of \$2,180,403 was also favourable, the total for last month being \$1,038,683 or 47.6 p.c. higher than in the same month last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and some 1,600 permits for other buildings estimated at more than \$1,900,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$286,515 were authorized by two cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 240 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$960,000 and \$1,145,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1934, were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the largest gain of \$464,494 occurring in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia showed declines, that of \$74,333 or 37.7 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan showed increases, that of \$562,848 or 64.1 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. In the remaining provinces, the value of the authorized building was lower than in July of last year, Alberta showing the greatest loss of \$30,821 or 28.3 p.c.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal reported an increase over June, 1934, but a small decrease as compared with July, 1933; in Toronto and Vancouver, on the other hand, there were reductions as compared with the preceding month, but increases over July of last year, while Winnipeg reported improvement in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Brantford, Fort William, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterboro, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor,alkerville, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Lethbridge showed gains as compared with both June, 1934, and July, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months, (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 3,219,086	\$ 13,501,727	13.9	83.5
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 8.0 p.c. than 1933, but the total was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1933 or 32, and practically the same as in 1931, was also lower than in any of the preceding even years.

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1934	June, 1934	July, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. -Charlottetown	-	-	23,100
Nova Scotia	113,198	114,010	74,715
x Halifax	68,748	107,130	67,835
New Glasgow	1,100	1,280	3,050
x Sydney	43,350	5,600	3,830
New Brunswick	515,619	51,125	78,350
Fredericton	16,200	3,650	150
x Moncton	464,410	-	65,435
x Saint John	35,009	47,475	12,765
Quebec	568,046	492,230	753,416
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	450,619	360,695	468,152
x Quebec	48,722	18,635	86,444
Shawinigan Falls	5,700	6,100	3,825
x Sherbrooke	11,775	16,100	84,600
x Three Rivers	8,550	56,600	4,575
x Westmount	42,680	34,100	105,820
Ontario	1,441,516	1,317,006	878,668
Belleville	6,206	10,500	8,000
x Brantford	46,650	25,064	14,959
Chatham	2,750	100	5,510
x Fort William	35,050	14,900	10,750
Galt	1,758	8,072	16,874
x Guelph	15,554	32,452	14,241
x Hamilton	46,830	86,170	51,375
x Kingston	7,471	22,395	59,572
x Kitchener	38,013	43,050	25,348
x London	45,555	52,210	48,475
Niagara Falls	6,493	1,860	8,379
Oshawa	13,475	6,000	2,200
x Ottawa	204,105	118,615	91,430
Owen Sound	Nil	1,750	1,300
x Peterboro	15,910	11,045	2,572
x Port Arthur	14,665	23,790	4,055
x Stratford	2,198	3,463	25,987
x St. Catharines	24,425	8,580	18,907
x St. Thomas	3,800	5,100	1,616
Sarnia	13,165	16,270	3,274
Sault Ste. Marie	7,620	7,540	4,170
x Toronto	630,333	705,438	389,471
York & East York Townships	188,365	96,880	57,125
Welland	14,710	2,700	2,465
x Windsor	42,166	5,930	5,175
East Windsor	525	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	400	Nil
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	10,730	6,732	5,438
Manitoba	96,887	81,440	78,595
x Brandon	4,087	1,955	4,120
St. Boniface	5,050	14,635	10,075
x Winnipeg	87,750	64,850	64,400
Saskatchewan	282,740	17,565	22,965
x Moose Jaw	254,100	3,650	4,300
x Regina	21,815	13,915	14,230
x Saskatoon	6,825	-	4,435
Alberta	78,265	93,585	109,086
x Calgary	33,600	33,848	37,448
x Edmonton	36,120	53,995	69,456
Lethbridge	8,450	5,087	1,622
Medicine Hat	95	655	560
British Columbia	122,815	197,148	161,508
Kemlopps	1,000	495	6,311
Nanaimo	Nil	1,900	Nil
x New Westminster	1,700	4,100	21,150
Prince Rupert	525	7,030	6,540
x Vancouver	101,992	167,190	95,510
North Vancouver	1,125	410	1,760
x Victoria	16,473	16,023	30,237
Total - 61 Cities	3,219,086	2,364,109	2,180,403
Total - x35 Cities	2,911,050	2,164,063	2,008,675

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1934,
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There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1934, as compared with the preceding month, while in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a very considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,273,889, as compared with \$3,219,086 in July, 1934, and \$1,910,809 in August, 1933. There was, therefore, an increase of 1.7 p.c. in the first comparison and of 71.3 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$16,775,616, was higher than in 1933, though lower than in any other year of the record; in considering these data, it should be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in other years since 1920, with the exception of 1933, 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$900,000, and more than 1,600 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,980,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,000,000 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported gains as compared with July, 1934, that of \$396,182 or 69.7 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$489,249 or 94.9 p.c. in New Brunswick was the greatest.

All provinces except Prince Edward Island and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year, the largest increases of \$706,656 and \$576,045 taking place in Ontario and Quebec, respectively.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with July, 1934, and also with August, 1933, while in Toronto there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Regina, Edmonton, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1926 = 100)
1934	\$ 3,273,889	\$ 16,775,616	15.4	83.4
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.2
1932	3,823,251	32,576,484	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was higher by 11.6 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in earlier years of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1934 than in other years of this record except from 1931 to 1933.

Table 1 gives the values of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1934, and August, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

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C i t i e s	Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.		
	August, 1934.	July, 1934	August, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.-Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	95,690	113,198	10,200
x Halifax	89,645	68,748	84,480
New Glasgow	745	1,100	71,800
x Sydney	5,300	43,350	1,080
New Brunswick	26,370	515,619	11,600
Fredericton	6,420	16,200	18,616
x Moncton	1/-	464,410	440
x Saint John	19,950	35,009	5,137
Quebec	964,228	568,046	13,039
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	618,545	450,619	388,183
x Quebec	32,873	48,722	269,420
Shawinigan Falls	250	5,700	71,328
x Sherbrooke	18,885	11,775	1,900
x Three Rivers	46,675	8,550	14,900
x Westmount	247,000	42,680	2,335
Ontario	1,709,444	1,441,516	28,300
Belleville	6,525	6,200	1,002,788
x Brantford	43,786	46,650	3,625
Chatham	5,600	2,750	18,962
x Fort William	458,950	35,050	44,825
Galt	25,985	1,758	20,800
x Guelph	10,115	15,554	11,465
x Hamilton	95,070	46,830	5,990
x Kingston	24,079	7,471	143,050
x Kitchener	29,492	38,013	6,331
x London	73,800	45,555	18,318
Niagara Falls	28,290	6,493	29,425
Oshawa	3,150	13,475	1,310
x Ottawa	135,765	204,105	8,695
Owen Sound	2,000	Nil	119,800
x Peterboro	23,979	15,910	3,500
x Port Arthur	7,400	14,665	5,873
x Stratford	4,199	2,198	13,005
x St. Catharines	9,438	24,425	4,535
x St. Thomas	1,430	3,800	19,731
Sarnia	14,070	13,165	10,251
Sault Ste. Marie	14,735	7,620	9,693
x Toronto	567,586	630,333	14,445
York & East York Townships	104,802	188,365	407,546
Welland	3,460	14,710	55,375
x Windsor	9,930	42,166	1,350
East Windsor	125	525	3,700
Riverside	400	Nil	350
Sandwich	2,000	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	3,283	3,000	75
Woodstock	106,700	10,730	Nil
Manitoba		96,887	20,763
x Brandon	4,200	4,087	49,515
St. Boniface	10,350	5,050	1,990
x Winnipeg	92,150	87,750	3,775
Saskatchewan		282,740	43,750
x Moose Jaw	51,805	254,100	34,825
x Regina	21,250	21,815	225
x Saskatoon	25,170	6,825	10,475
Alberta		78,265	24,125
x Calgary	48,276	33,600	138,531
x Edmonton	70,470	36,120	96,777
Lethbridge	2,090	8,450	34,465
Medicine Hat	1,615	95	2,734
British Columbia		122,815	4,555
Kamloops	197,201	1,000	183,671
Nanaimo	4,450	Nil	7,635
x New Westminster	5,730	1,700	3,090
Prince Rupert	8,050	525	1,415
x Vancouver	1,050	101,992	2,267
North Vancouver	148,350	1,125	139,410
x Victoria	3,290	16,473	1,200
Total - 61 Cities	26,281	3,219,086	28,654
Total - x 35 Cities	3,273,889	3,023,474	1,910,809
Report not received		2,911,050	1,696,462

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1934, AND SEPTEMBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building authorized in 61 cities during September stood at \$2,247,784; this was a seasonal decrease of \$1,026,705 or 31.4 p.c. from the total of \$3,274,489 in August, 1934, but an increase of \$260,881 or 13.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted aggregated \$1,986,903. The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of this year, viz., \$19,024,000, was higher than in 1933, though lower than in any other year of the record; in considering these data, it should be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in other years since 1920, with the exception of 1933, 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 135 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000, and nearly 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at about \$1,375,000. In addition, three cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$17,327. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$1,930,000, respectively.

New Brunswick reported a slight increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1934, while in the remaining provinces there were declines, that of \$562,037 or 32.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1933, there was improvement in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The greatest gain of \$341,345 or 42.3 p.c. was reported in Ontario. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$107,202 or 38.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most marked.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered smaller totals of permits issued than in August, but the value in each case was higher than in September, 1933. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Saint John, Guelph, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, East Windsor, Woodstock, Regina, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat recorded increases as compared both with August, 1934, and September, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months (Average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,247,784	\$ 19,024,000	15.8	83.4
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1931	10,407,993	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,550	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,384,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,893	106,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,826	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,577	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was higher by 16.0 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1934 than in other years of this record, except from 1931 to 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1934, and September, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September 1934	August 1934	September 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,200
Nova Scotia	62,528	95,690	40,023
x Halifax	46,864	89,645	32,486
New Glasgow	1,322	745	5,507
x Sydney	14,342	5,300	2,030
New Brunswick	27,034	26,370	39,647
Fredericton	Nil	6,420	6,925
x Moncton	1,082	-	21,225
x Saint John	25,952	19,950	11,497
Quebec	629,190	904,228	572,637
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	542,508	618,545	454,544
x Quebec	45,518	32,873	72,594
Shawinigan Falls	1,100	250	5,650
x Sherbrooke	9,600	18,885	8,600
x Three Rivers	13,700	46,675	1,380
x Westmount	15,764	247,000	29,869
Ontario	1,148,007	1,710,044	806,662
Belleville	5,700	6,525	3,060
x Brantford	20,355	43,786	3,935
Chatham	2,900	5,600	4,000
x Fort William	16,600	458,950	34,500
Galt	1,724	25,985	17,968
x Guelph	13,861	10,115	9,488
x Hamilton	80,635	95,070	44,175
x Kingston	12,085	24,079	9,316
x Kitchener	13,005	29,492	17,929
x London	48,700	73,300	33,050
Niagara Falls	1,316	28,290	6,288
Oshawa	5,200	3,150	7,350
x Ottawa	45,180	135,765	125,185
Owen Sound	6,475	2,000	4,600
x Peterboro	6,536	23,979	5,930
x Port Arthur	8,415	7,400	10,516
x Stratford	6,272	4,199	4,320
x St. Catharines	29,905	9,438	13,911
x St. Thomas	1,605	1,430	14,365
Sarnia	25,400	14,070	3,203
Sault Ste. Marie	165,375	14,735	14,842
x Toronto	523,861	567,586	327,017
York & East York Townships	52,390	104,802	80,455
Welland	32,180	3,460	3,360
x Windsor	7,165	9,930	3,510
East Windsor	4,125	125	100
Riverside	Nil	600	Nil
Sandwich	300	400	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	9,742	3,283	3,289
Manitoba	66,365	106,700	112,575
x Brandon	1,600	4,200	8,800
St. Boniface	2,215	10,350	5,925
x Winnipeg	62,550	92,150	97,850
Saskatchewan	48,717	51,805	20,001
x Moose Jaw	5,500	21,250	900
x Regina	38,822	25,170	14,161
x Saskatoon	4,395	5,385	4,940
Alberta	93,475	122,451	98,488
x Calgary	29,235	48,276	43,779
x Edmonton	50,660	70,470	50,739
Lethbridge	9,790	2,090	3,085
Medicine Hat	3,790	1,615	885
British Columbia	172,468	197,201	279,670
Kamloops	1,700	4,450	1,574
Nanaimo	1,380	5,730	5,850
x New Westminster	7,500	8,050	8,400
Prince Rupert	1,730	1,050	11,500
x Vancouver	134,451	148,350	211,985
North Vancouver	620	3,290	3,090
x Victoria	25,087	26,281	37,271
Total - 61 Cities	2,247,784	3,274,439	1,936,903
Total - x 35 Cities	1,910,310	3,023,474	1,770,197

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1934,
 AND OCTOBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$2,721,919; this was an increase of \$474,135 or 21.1 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,247,784, and of \$946,867 or 53.3 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$1,775,052 for October, 1933. The value of the building permits issued in the first ten months of 1934 amounted to \$21,745,919, an increase of \$3,576,853 over the total for the same period in 1933; however, the aggregate was lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$630,000, and about 2,300 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,565,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 135 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$480,000 and \$1,375,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1934, that of \$362,436 or 31.6 p.c. in Ontario being greatest. The decreases in the remaining provinces in this comparison were slight, New Brunswick showing the largest decline of \$4,097 or 15.2 p.c.

In comparison with October, 1933, there was improvement in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, from which no statement was received for the month under review. Ontario reported the most pronounced increase, amounting to \$789,970 or 109.6 p.c.

Montreal showed a decrease as compared with September, 1934, and also with October, 1933; in Vancouver, there was a decline as compared with September, 1934, but an improvement over October, 1933, while Toronto and Winnipeg recorded increases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec City, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, York & East York Townships, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich,alkerville, Brandon, Regina, Edmonton, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported increases over both September, 1934, and October, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,721,919	21,745,919	16.1	83.3
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of 1934 was higher by 19.7 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 61 cities during September and October, 1934, and October, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Cities	October, 1934	September, 1934	October, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000
Nova Scotia	81,145	62,528	46,871
x Halifax	79,220	46,864	38,293
New Glasgow	175	1,322	1,333
x Sydney	1,750	14,342	7,245
New Brunswick	22,937	27,034	12,108
Fredericton	1,500	Nil	1,300
x Moncton	1,082	1,082	3,296
x Saint John	20,355	25,952	7,512
Quebec	624,380	629,190	593,567
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	369,927	543,508	507,598
x Quebec	54,390	45,518	42,579
Shawinigan Falls	350	1,100	125
x Sherbrooke	6,200	9,600	13,500
x Three Rivers	138,550	13,700	3,340
x Westmount	54,963	15,764	26,425
Ontario	1,510,443	1,148,007	720,473
Belleville	8,750	5,700	600
x Brantford	15,537	20,355	16,928
Chatham	6,950	2,900	1,550
x Fort William	7,680	16,600	10,450
Galt	10,271	1,724	10,820
x Guelph	3,581	13,861	8,216
x Hamilton	79,455	80,635	22,380
x Kingston	10,948	12,085	15,440
x Kitchener	20,681	13,005	20,410
x London	34,465	48,700	41,825
Niagara Falls	62,933	1,316	5,556
Oshawa	5,395	5,200	4,400
x Ottawa	184,070	45,180	107,705
Owen Sound	560	6,475	1,600
x Peterborough	18,396	6,536	2,880
x Port Arthur	13,080	8,415	1,995
x Stratford	12,180	6,272	1,795
x St. Catharines	132,128	29,905	9,373
x St. Thomas	871	1,605	19,025
Sarnia	4,549	25,400	1,985
Sault Ste. Marie	7,885	165,375	4,995
x Toronto	721,811	523,861	330,723
York & East York Townships	79,886	52,390	63,850
Welland	4,845	32,180	4,515
x Windsor	26,000	7,165	4,745
East Windsor	10,250	4,125	1,100
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	19,200	300	150
Walkerville	4,000	1,000	Nil
Woodstock	4,086	9,742	5,462
Manitoba	146,510	66,365	104,325
x Brandon	7,150	1,600	475
St. Boniface	7,360	2,215	13,050
x Winnipeg	132,000	62,550	90,800
askatchewan	50,780	48,717	39,277
x Moose Jaw	4,230	5,500	11,645
x Regina	44,815	38,822	19,777
x Saskatoon	1,735	4,395	7,855
Alberta	113,834	93,475	94,444
x Calgary	43,896	29,235	49,707
x Edmonton	58,023	50,660	38,260
Lethbridge	9,030	9,790	4,977
Medicine Hat	2,885	3,790	1,500
British Columbia	171,890	172,468	140,987
Kamloops	1,195	1,700	1,070
Nanaimo	1,285	1,380	3,986
x New Westminster	8,250	7,500	14,000
Prince Rupert	5,060	1,730	960
x Vancouver	133,610	134,451	85,050
North Vancouver	4,685	620	3,368
x Victoria	17,805	25,087	32,553
Total - 61 Cities	2,721,919	2,247,784	1,775,052
Total - x35 Cities	2,458,834	1,910,310	1,613,800



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1934,
 AND NOVEMBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$2,601,418. This was a seasonal decline of \$120,501 or 4.4 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$2,721,919, but an increase of \$977,280, or 60.2 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1933, figure of \$1,624,138. The value of the building authorized during the first eleven months of 1934 amounted to \$24,326,224, an increase of \$4,533,020 over the total for the same period in 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$900,000, and about 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,605,000. In addition, authority was granted for an engineering project valued at \$24,120. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 350 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$630,000 and \$1,565,000, respectively.

Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases of 13.0 p.c. and 37.2 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1934. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, those of \$132,504, or 21.2 p.c. in Quebec and \$22,060 or 83.3 p.c. in Manitoba being largest.

As compared with November, 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$737,255 or 76.0 p.c. in Ontario. There was a decline of \$26,635 or 52.1 p.c. in this comparison in Manitoba.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of last year; in Montreal and Vancouver, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1933, but lower than in October of this year, while in Winnipeg there was a reduction in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fredericton, Westmount, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, London, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Woodstock, Regina, Kamloops and New Westminster reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers and wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,601,418	\$ 24,326,224	16.8	83.1
1933	1,624,138	19,793,204	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was higher by 22.9 p.c. than in 1933, though it was lower than in other years since 1920; in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1934, and November, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.		
	November, 1934	October, 1934	November, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 65,300	\$ 81,145	\$ 47,600
Nova Scotia	64,425	79,220	44,910
x Halifax	450	175	1,690
New Glasgow	1,425	1,750	1,000
x Sydney	21,125	22,937	13,485
New Brunswick	5,300	1,500	3,000
Fredericton	2,130	1,082	2,537
x Moncton	13,695	20,355	7,948
x Saint John	491,876	624,380	355,692
Quebec	337,786	369,927	237,742
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	25,960	54,390	34,765
x Quebec	1,000	350	1,000
Shawinigan Falls	19,100	6,200	21,500
x Sherbrooke	2,950	138,550	1,150
x Three Rivers	105,080	54,963	59,535
x Westmount	1,707,301	1,510,443	970,046
Ontario	5,625	8,750	1,200
Belleville	26,545	15,537	31,592
x Brantford	3,150	6,950	2,535
Chatham	7,850	7,680	11,600
x Fort William	22,810	10,271	613
Galt	9,060	3,581	4,750
x Guelph	33,625	79,455	26,460
x Hamilton	13,768	10,948	10,198
x Kingston	12,737	20,681	1,989
x Kitchener	134,925	34,465	49,490
x London	1,930	62,933	1,690
Niagara Falls	1,825	5,395	11,100
Oshawa	79,780	184,070	59,965
x Ottawa	3,300	560	2,400
Owen Sound	3,434	18,396	9,840
x Peterborough	2,275	13,080	10,695
x Port Arthur	5,330	12,180	8,545
x Stratford	13,625	132,128	1,370
x St. Catharines	2,485	871	3,575
x St. Thomas	3,915	4,549	12,720
Sarnia	21,230	7,885	3,310
Sault Ste. Marie	63,927	721,811	647,970
x Toronto	63,927	79,886	45,195
York & East York Townships	325	4,845	670
Welland	33,180	26,000	5,475
x Windsor	125,000	10,250	Nil
East Windsor	2,500	Nil	Nil
Riverside	13,900	19,200	Nil
Sandwich	3,000	4,000	Nil
Walkerville	5,469	4,086	Nil
Woodstock	24,450	146,510	5,099
Manitoba	2,200	7,150	51,085
Brandon	1,500	7,360	Nil
St. Boniface	20,750	132,000	10,685
Winnipeg	69,689	50,780	40,400
Saskatchewan	950	4,230	8,575
Moose Jaw	67,139	44,815	25
Regina	1,600	1,735	5,605
Saskatoon	62,424	113,834	2,945
Saskatchewan	37,526	43,896	61,784
Calgary	21,560	58,023	34,864
Edmonton	1,248	9,030	21,470
Lethbridge	2,090	2,885	4,950
Medicine Hat	158,253	171,890	500
British Columbia	3,972	1,195	115,871
Kamloops	948	1,285	3,390
Nanaimo	11,490	8,250	4,400
New Westminster	1,925	5,060	1,000
Prince Rupert	115,240	133,610	275
Vancouver	475	4,685	78,314
North Vancouver	24,203	17,805	550
Victoria	2,601,418	2,721,919	28,042
1 - 61 Cities	2,304,604	2,458,834	1,624,138
1 - x35 Cities			1,507,266

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1934, AND DECEMBER, 1933, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-34.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1934, represented construction work valued at \$2,496,535, as compared with \$2,606,868 in November, 1934, and \$1,983,292 in December, 1933. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$110,333 or 4.2 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, but an increase of \$513,243 or 25.9 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the same month of 1933. The value of the building authorized during 1934 was \$26,828,209, an increase of \$5,051,713 or 23.2 p.c. over the total for 1933; the 1933 figures are based on revised statistics furnished by city officials, while those for 1934 are at present unrevised. Revised figures for 1934 will be published next month.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued some 125 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$400,000 and over 450 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$1,900,000. There were also four permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$104,000. During November, the construction of some 250 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$1,605,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the authorized building, Alberta showing the greatest gain of \$144,074 or 230.8 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$237,597 or 48.3 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases as compared with December, 1933, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison alone, Ontario reported the greatest gain of \$826,568 or 83.6 p.c. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$583,961 or 69.7 p.c. in Quebec was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto registered increases, both as compared with November, 1934, and December, 1933. Vancouver reported a decline as compared with November, 1934, but an increase over December, 1933, while Montreal and Winnipeg showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York and East York, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Calgary, Lethbridge and Nanaimo recorded advances as compared with the preceding month, and also with December, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1934.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also for the completed years; the 1934 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-34.

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,496,535	\$ 26,828,209	17.2	83.0
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1934 indicate that last year's aggregate was 23.2 p.c. higher than in 1933, though it was lower than in other years since 1920; in this connection, it should be noted that the Bureau's index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.		
	December, 1934	November, 1934	December, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 2,850	1/ \$ 450	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	42,211	66,300	11,540
x Halifax	40,811	64,425	8,940
New Glasgow	1,400	450	600
x Sydney	Nil	1,425	2,000
New Brunswick	20,945	21,125	57,020
Fredericton	Nil	5,300	55,000
x Moncton	2,535	2,130	360
x Saint John	18,410	13,695	1,660
Quebec	254,279	491,876	838,240
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	169,735	337,786	547,215
x Quebec	5,369	25,960	256,530
Shawinigan Falls	55,250	1,000	4,620
x Sherbrooke	7,500	19,100	5,000
x Three Rivers	675	2,950	600
x Westmount	15,750	105,080	24,275
Ontario	1,815,106	1,707,301	988,538
Belleville	Nil	5,625	Nil
x Brantford	43,950	26,545	36,088
Chatham	8,400	3,150	100
x Fort William	6,170	7,850	100
Galt	60	22,810	120
x Guelph	4,355	9,060	25,650
x Hamilton	90,165	33,625	31,500
x Kingston	3,200	13,768	950
x Kitchener	4,140	12,737	224
x London	84,360	134,925	102,725
Niagara Falls	8,678	1,930	2,965
Oshawa	2,000	1,825	Nil
x Ottawa	14,155	79,780	1,450
Owen Sound	800	3,300	Nil
x Peterborough	4,208	3,434	500
x Port Arthur	7,190	2,275	540
x Stratford	545	5,330	1,420
x St. Catharines	6,145	13,625	4,575
x St. Thomas	15,950	2,485	350
Sarnia	7,375	3,915	2,515
Sault Ste. Marie	935	21,230	2,640
x Toronto	1,392,627	1,050,776	698,745
York & East York Townships	78,805	63,927	54,375
Welland	1,850	325	50
x Windsor	3,400	33,180	11,550
East Windsor	100	125,000	Nil
Riverside	Nil	2,500	5,000
Sandwich	12,700	13,900	Nil
Walkerville	6,000	3,000	1,000
Woodstock	6,843	5,469	3,406
Manitoba	43,200	24,450	21,000
x Brandon	2,000	2,200	2,200
St. Boniface	26,850	1,500	350
x Winnipeg	14,350	20,750	18,450
Saskatchewan	8,525	69,689	9,950
x Moose Jaw	350	950	Nil
x Regina	7,775	67,139	8,175
x Saskatoon	400	1,600	1,775
Alberta	206,498	62,424	13,364
x Calgary	190,806	37,526	8,052
x Edmonton	8,085	21,560	4,535
Lethbridge	5,607	1,248	742
Medicine Hat	2,000	2,090	35
British Columbia	102,921	158,253	43,640
Kamloops	120	3,972	517
Nanaimo	4,297	948	2,500
x New Westminster	2,100	11,490	800
Prince Rupert	Nil	1,925	1,060
x Vancouver	85,050	115,240	21,575
North Vancouver	145	475	1,075
x Victoria	11,209	24,203	16,113
Total - 61 Cities	2,496,535	1/ 2,606,868	1,983,292
Total - x35 Cities	2,263,470	2,304,604	1,844,622

1/ Includes Charlottetown, not previously included in the November total.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR DECEMBER, 1934, AND JANUARY, 1934.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was slightly higher than in January, 1934; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$786,544, compared with \$2,521,820 in December, 1934, and \$707,812 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 68.8 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 11.1 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 75 permits for dwellings valued at about \$310,000, and about 375 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$330,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 125 dwellings and 450 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan was the only province to report an increase in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1934, there being a gain of \$10,360 in this comparison. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the greatest were those of \$1,366,506 or 74.9 p.c. in Ontario, and of \$182,559 or 83.4 p.c. in Alberta.

As compared with January, 1934, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases; these were in each case on a small scale, that of \$29,622 or 35.2 p.c. in British Columbia being largest. There were percentages declines of 54.8 and 84.4 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, respectively, but the reduction in the actual value of the authorized building was small, amounting to \$17,040 in Nova Scotia and \$15,967 in New Brunswick.

In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were increases in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year, while in Montreal and Toronto, there were declines in the former, but increases in the latter comparison. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Quebec, Three Rivers, Guelph, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and New Westminster.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1935	\$ 786,544	16.7	81.8
1934	707,812	15.0	82.1
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.7
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	121.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1934 and 1935 figures for January were the smallest in this record of sixteen years, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January of these two years than in the winter of any other year since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1935, and December and January, 1934. The statistics for all but the present year are based on revised statements furnished by the civic officials after the close of the year. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1935	December, 1934	January, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ -
Nova Scotia	14,075	42,211	31,115
x Halifax	12,075	40,811	31,115
New Glasgow	Nil	1,400	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	2,950	20,945	18,917
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	2,535	3,512
x St. John	2,950	18,410	15,405
Quebec	114,055	254,279	89,657
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	86,135	169,735	75,625
x Quebec	22,800	5,369	8,405
Shawinigan Falls	270	55,250	150
x Sherbrooke	3,550	7,500	4,550
x Three Rivers	800	675	700
x Westmount	500	15,750	225
Ontario	458,600	1,825,106	444,620
Belleville	280	Nil	300
x Brantford	10,105	43,950	20,857
Chatham	Nil	8,400	2,500
x Fort William	500	6,170	2,000
Galt	250	60	4,710
x Guelph	4,900	4,355	100
x Hamilton	37,360	90,165	22,750
x Kingston	75	3,200	5,010
x Kitchener	1,520	4,140	1,055
x London	8,220	84,360	38,705
Niagara Falls	1,590	8,678	50
Oshawa	1,000	2,000	Nil
x Ottawa	6,670	14,155	47,065
Owen Sound	1,400	800	Nil
x Peterborough	300	4,208	11,930
x Port Arthur	Nil	7,190	1,900
x Stratford	325	545	175
x St. Catharines	773	6,145	5,050
x St. Thomas	500	15,950	4,550
Sarnia	1,000	7,375	1,299
Sault Ste. Marie	2,500	935	248
x Toronto	345,338	1,392,627	226,343
York & East York Townships	24,184	88,805	31,560
Welland	Nil	1,850	3,231
x Windsor	5,925	3,400	10,250
East Windsor	Nil	100	Nil
Elmwood	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	12,700	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	6,000	Nil
Woodstock	3,885	6,843	2,982
Manitoba	40,150	42,850	12,725
x Brandon	Nil	2,000	Nil
St. Boniface	600	26,500	1,275
x Winnipeg	39,550	14,350	11,450
Saskatchewan	18,885	8,525	3,735
x Moose Jaw	7,000	350	Nil
x Regina	4,650	7,775	3,435
x Saskatoon	7,235	400	300
Alberta	23,939	206,498	22,777
x Calgary	15,419	190,806	14,137
x Edmonton	7,310	8,085	8,490
Lethbridge	1,210	5,607	Nil
Medicine Hat	Nil	2,000	150
British Columbia	113,890	118,556	84,268
Kamloops	340	120	2,700
Nanaimo	1,575	4,297	475
x New Westminster	5,050	2,100	2,000
Prince Rupert	480	Nil	1,800
x Vancouver	86,345	85,085	51,229
North Vancouver	50	145	1,435
x Victoria	20,050	26,809	24,629
Total - 61 Cities	786,544	2,521,820	707,812
x Total - 35 Cities	745,930	2,279,105	641,079

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
 FOR JANUARY, 1935, AND FEBRUARY, 1934.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed a decided increase, being higher by \$2,811,905, or 357.5 p.c., than in the preceding month and by \$2,704,347, or 302.5 p.c., than in February of last year; the total stood at \$3,598,449 during February, 1935, as compared with \$786,544 in January, 1935, and \$894,102 in February, 1934. The authorizations reported in February were greater in value than in the same month of any other year since 1931; they also exceeded those indicated in any month of 1934. One large permit in Ottawa contributed materially to the increase, but the general trend shown in this report is strongly upward.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$300,000 and more than 500 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$2,808,365. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 75 dwellings and 375 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$310,000 and \$330,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935; the largest gain, of \$1,940,126 or 423.1 p.c., took place in Ontario. Saskatchewan showed a decline of \$10,460, or 55.4 p.c., in this comparison.

As compared with February, 1934, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$1,932,899, or 414.9 p.c., in Ontario being most marked. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan reported reductions of \$4,355, or 29.4 p.c., and \$12,925, or 60.5 p.c., respectively, in this comparison.

Each of the larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, - recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935, and also as compared with February, 1934. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Sarnia, York & East York Townships, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Calgary, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1935	\$ 3,598,449	\$ 4,384,993	37.0	81.7
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	63.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1935 was substantially higher than in the same months of 1934 and 1933, though it was lower than in earlier years of the record. The index of wholesale prices of building materials was fractionally lower than in 1934, but it was higher than in 1933 and 1932; this index was, however, considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.		
	February 1935	January 1935	February 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 10,150	\$ -	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	35,000	14,075	32,240
x Halifax	30,000	12,075	30,740
New Glasgow	3,500	Nil	1,500
x Sydney	1,500	2,000	Nil
New Brunswick	10,460	2,950	14,815
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	7,710	Nil	Nil
x St. John	2,750	2,950	9,665
Quebec	521,373	114,055	198,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	487,638	86,135	132,765
x Quebec	17,460	22,800	54,880
Shawinigan Falls	300	270	Nil
x Sherbrooke	6,600	3,550	6,150
x Three Rivers	3,725	800	60
x Westmount	5,650	500	4,600
Ontario	2,398,726	458,600	465,827
Belleville	Nil	280	1,050
x Brantford	8,624	10,105	10,470
Chatham	20,735	Nil	200
x Fort William	300	500	11,150
Galt	1,300	250	35,600
x Guelph	2,850	4,900	1,500
x Hamilton	55,530	37,360	16,550
x Kingston	Nil	75	3,450
x Kitchener	9,600	1,520	13,135
x London	48,497	8,220	40,865
Niagara Falls	21,550	1,590	2
Oshawa	Nil	1,000	2,500
x Ottawa	1,151,390	6,670	39,200
Owen Sound	550	1,400	Nil
x Peterborough	375	300	8,800
x Port Arthur	375	Nil	2,705
x Stratford	Nil	325	200
x St. Catharines	1,050	773	4,060
x St. Thomas	100	500	75
Sarnia	4,420	1,000	2,965
Sault Ste. Marie	2,300	2,500	145
x Toronto	1,025,400	345,338	245,160
York & East York Townships	33,110	24,184	10,450
Welland	150	Nil	1,550
x Windsor	10,300	5,925	12,530
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	300
Fiverside	200	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	800
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	20	3,885	415
Manitoba	305,700	40,150	14,100
x Brandon	3,600	Nil	2,200
St. Boniface	9,850	600	1,300
x Winnipeg	292,250	39,550	10,600
Saskatchewan	8,425	18,885	21,350
x Moose Jaw	175	7,000	75
x Regina	7,900	4,650	11,890
x Saskatoon	350	7,235	9,385
Alberta	63,446	23,939	17,568
x Calgary	56,211	15,419	9,891
x Edmonton	5,975	7,310	4,535
Lethbridge	1,225	1,210	1,892
Medicine Hat	35	Nil	1,250
British Columbia	245,169	113,890	129,747
Kamloops	3,435	340	2,650
Vancouver	2,100	1,575	620
x New Westminster	25,535	5,050	4,040
Prince Rupert	2,400	480	1,275
x Vancouver	167,675	86,345	87,710
North Vancouver	2,650	50	665
Victoria	41,374	20,050	32,787
Total - 61 Cities	3,598,449	786,544	894,102
Total - 35 Cities	3,478,469	745,930	826,973

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1935, AND MARCH, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1935.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$4,009,675; this was an increase of \$411,226 or 11.4 p.c. over the February total of \$3,598,449, while there was also the substantial increase of \$2,903,590 or 261.5 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the aggregate of \$1,109,085 reported for March, 1934. The authorization of a large public building in Winnipeg was an important factor in the increase during the month under review, but the general movement in construction activities shown in this report is also decidedly upward. The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$8,394,668, an increase of \$5,683,669. or 209.7 p.c. over the same period of 1934; it was also higher by 173.8 p.c. than in the months, January-March of 1933, but was lower than in the first quarter of any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 150 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$450,000 and some 1,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000. In addition, one centre reported that it had authorized an engineering project valued at approximately \$14,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 95 dwellings and more than 500 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$300,000 and \$2,808,365, respectively.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1935, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$1,216,350 or 398.1 p.c. in Manitoba. The largest decline in the remaining provinces was that of \$673,976 or 28.1 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with March, 1934, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, those of \$1,269,709 or 279.0 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,492,454, or almost fifty-fold in Manitoba being most marked. The reductions elsewhere recorded were small, the largest being that of \$54,256 or 18 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed increases as compared with February, 1935, and March, 1934, those in the former city being substantial. Toronto reported a slight decline in the first, but a large gain in the second comparison, while Montreal recorded losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Belleville, Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York & East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert reported higher totals than in either February, 1935, or March, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1926=100)
1935	\$ 4,009,675	\$ 8,394,668	37.3	81.6
1934	1,109,085	2,710,999	12.1	82.2
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

As already stated, the total value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1935 was higher than in the same period of 1934 or 1933, but with these exceptions, was lower than in any other year since 1920.

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.		
	March 1935	February 1935	March 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 10,150	\$ 1,300
Nova Scotia	25,875	35,000	27,105
x Halifax	24,575	30,000	26,555
New Glasgow	Nil	3,500	400
x Sydney	1,300	1,500	350
New Brunswick	14,968	10,460	18,050
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	4,460	7,710	725
x Saint John	10,508	2,750	17,325
Quebec	247,850	521,373	302,106
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	191,910	487,638	198,711
x Quebec	25,090	17,460	44,570
Shawinigan Falls	1,850	300	200
x Sherbrooke	10,700	6,600	8,000
x Three Rivers	5,800	3,725	Nil
x Westmount	12,500	5,650	50,625
Ontario	1,724,750	2,398,726	455,041
Belleville	2,500	Nil	2,255
x Brantford	28,261	8,624	6,078
Chatham	12,650	20,735	2,300
x Fort William	7,500	300	15,550
Galt	8,566	1,300	11,680
x Guelph	3,775	2,850	150
x Hamilton	47,640	55,530	6,950
x Kingston	1,370	Nil	2,760
x Kitchener	20,470	9,600	8,625
x London	99,580	48,497	15,315
Niagara Falls	715	21,550	1,131
Oshawa	550	Nil	500
x Ottawa	331,580	1,151,390	15,035
Owen Sound	5,400	550	Nil
x Peterborough	2,580	375	1,125
x Port Arthur	3,393	375	2,547
x Stratford	845	Nil	5,950
x St. Catharines	4,683	1,050	2,333
x St. Thomas	1,000	100	3,220
Sarnia	2,840	4,420	4,015
Sault Ste. Marie	7,275	2,300	405
x Toronto	1,021,677	1,025,400	322,262
York & East York Townships	72,345	33,110	12,550
Welland	10,895	150	1,685
x Windsor	14,975	10,300	8,175
East Windsor	1,550	Nil	1,100
Riverside	1,050	200	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	600
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	9,085	20	745
Manitoba	1,522,550	305,700	30,096
x Brandon	400	3,600	4,896
St. Boniface	1,800	9,850	2,200
x Winnipeg	1,520,350	292,250	23,000
Saskatchewan	45,255	8,425	18,670
x Moose Jaw	3,975	175	1,100
x Regina	21,000	7,900	16,170
x Saskatoon	20,280	350	1,400
Alberta	212,740	63,446	77,917
x Calgary	180,723	56,211	48,725
x Edmonton	18,890	5,975	24,335
Lethbridge	11,165	1,225	357
Medicine Hat	1,962	35	4,500
British Columbia	215,687	245,169	178,800
Kamloops	2,425	3,435	735
Nanaimo	2,800	2,100	1,100
x New Westminster	5,595	25,535	6,500
Prince Rupert	3,200	2,400	850
x Vancouver	168,390	167,675	131,350
North Vancouver	415	2,650	825
x Victoria	32,862	41,374	37,440
Total - 61 cities	4,009,675	3,598,449	1,109,085
Total - x35 cities	3,848,637	3,478,469	1,047,652

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1935,
AND APRIL, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$6,272,052 during April, as compared with \$4,009,675 in the preceding month, and \$2,269,157 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$2,262,377 or 56.4 p.c. as compared with March, while there was also a pronounced increase of \$4,002,895 or 176.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with April, 1934. So far in 1935, the value of building authorized in each month has been higher than in the same month of last year, while the total for each of the last three months has also exceeded that for the corresponding months of 1933 or 1932. The cumulative total for the first four months of the present year was consequently higher than in the period January-April of 1932, 1933 or 1934. Although the improvement is mainly due to the granting of construction permits for large public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been decidedly favourable as compared with the last few years. However, in comparison with earlier years of the record (viz., 1920-1931), the value of building authorization continues low. The index of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of the present year, at 81.5 p.c. of the 1926 average, was lower than in the same period of any other of the sixteen years for which building permits statistics are available, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1935, showing that they had issued more than 350 permits for dwellings valued at over \$2,500,000, and for almost 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost over \$3,200,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$8,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 150 dwellings and 1,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$450,000 and \$3,400,000 respectively, while one engineering project valued at approximately \$14,000 was also reported.

All provinces except Manitoba recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gains of \$1,793,634 or 104.0 p.c. and \$1,557,866 or 628.6 p.c. taking place in Ontario and Quebec, respectively.

As compared with April, 1934, there were increases in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, those of \$2,486,456 or 241.0 p.c. in Ontario, and \$1,306,968 or 262.0 p.c. in Quebec being especially notable.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1934; the increase in Montreal was particularly pronounced. In Toronto and Winnipeg, the value was lower than in March, 1935, but higher than in April, 1934. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1935, and also with April, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100)
1935	\$ 6,272,052	\$14,666,720	35.1	81.5
1934	2,269,157	4,930,156	12.0	82.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,373	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

As already stated, the aggregate for the first four months of this year was approximately three times greater than in the same period of 1933 and 1934, also exceeding the total for the months January - April of 1932. However, the value was lower than in any other year since 1920. It must also be noted that the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the present year have been lower than in any of the years from 1920 to 1931; they were also slightly below the 1934 level, though higher than in 1932 or 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1935, and April, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities

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Cities	April 1935	March 1935	April 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
Nova Scotia	58,015	25,875	64,200
x Halifax	55,540	24,575	62,170
New Glasgow	1,825	-	830
x Sydney	650	1,300	1,200
New Brunswick	37,483	14,968	40,645
Fredericton	350	-	2,150
x Moncton	17,705	4,460	7,180
x Saint John	19,428	10,508	31,315
Quebec	1,805,716	247,850	498,748
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,680,591	191,910	335,018
x Quebec	59,690	25,090	39,180
Shawinigan Falls	635	1,850	17,580
x Sherbrooke	34,650	10,700	12,000
x Three Rivers	5,420	5,800	38,980
x Westmount	24,730	12,500	55,990
Ontario	3,518,384	1,724,750	1,031,928
Belleville	13,550	2,500	2,050
x Brantford	12,610	28,261	16,478
Chatham	7,450	12,650	14,250
x Fort William	15,500	7,500	26,150
Galt	5,695	8,566	4,942
x Guelph	23,707	3,775	10,010
x Hamilton	916,285	47,640	101,655
x Kingston	23,319	1,370	21,634
x Kitchener	54,742	20,470	32,413
x London	1,065,170	99,580	39,485
Niagara Falls	1,090	715	500
Oshawa	3,040	550	7,325
x Ottawa	250,490	331,580	124,020
Owen Sound	5,875	5,400	6,000
x Peterborough	12,030	2,580	10,460
x Port Arthur	28,042	3,393	5,865
x Stratford	8,791	845	6,183
x St. Catharines	22,845	4,683	10,177
x St. Thomas	2,210	1,000	1,070
Sarnia	8,989	2,840	3,510
Sault Ste. Marie	17,370	7,275	9,640
x Toronto	616,214	1,021,677	462,603
York & East York Townships	273,770	72,345	65,207
Welland	11,550	10,895	32,360
x Windsor	98,990	14,975	6,755
East Windsor	2,500	1,550	950
Riverside	1,300	1,050	-
Sandwich	-	-	300
Walkerville	8,000	-	2,000
Woodstock	7,260	9,085	7,936
Manitoba	115,600	1,522,550	61,614
x Brandon	52,850	400	2,714
St. Boniface	3,700	1,800	4,050
x Winnipeg	59,050	1,520,350	54,850
Saskatchewan	58,540	45,255	69,860
x Moose Jaw	20,555	3,975	56,650
x Regina	18,235	21,000	7,825
x Saskatoon	19,750	20,280	5,385
Alberta	408,534	212,740	216,534
x Calgary	108,266	180,723	151,894
x Edmonton	280,339	18,890	46,195
Lethbridge	16,379	11,165	17,435
Medicine Hat	3,550	1,962	1,010
British Columbia	269,780	215,687	277,128
Kamloops	2,779	2,425	6,712
Nanaimo	2,550	2,800	31,906
x New Westminster	32,925	5,595	4,775
Prince Rupert	1,605	3,200	43,900
x Vancouver	198,755	168,390	143,380
North Vancouver	3,665	415	590
x Victoria	27,501	32,862	45,865
Total - 61 cities	6,272,052	4,009,675	2,269,157
Total - x 35 cities	5,867,573	3,848,637	1,978,524

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1935,
AND MAY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1935, was lower by 23.7 p.c. than in April, 1935, but was higher by 58.9 p.c. than in May, 1934, a comparison of greater significance. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$4,799,285, as compared with \$6,292,152 in the preceding month, and \$3,019,761 in May, 1934.

So far this year, the value of building authorized in each month has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while in each of the last four months, the total has also exceeded that for the corresponding month of 1933. The cumulative total for the first five months of the present year is higher than in the period January - May of any of the last three years. The improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, but the movement in general building operations has also been much more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of the present year, at 81.7 p.c. of the 1926 average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and for more than 2,300 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$3,260,000. In addition, engineering projects, having an estimated cost of \$119,152, were authorized in four cities, viz., Brantford, Guelph, Moose Jaw and Calgary. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 350 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, valued at approximately \$2,500,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively, while there was also an engineering project estimated to cost approximately \$8,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1935, that of \$84,150 in Saskatchewan being the most pronounced. The remaining provinces showed declines in this comparison, that of \$1,366,111 or 38.8 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

As compared with May, 1934, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases, of which those of \$806,451 or 191.5 p.c. in Quebec and \$785,583 or 57.5 p.c. in Ontario were most noteworthy. In New Brunswick, there was a decline of \$18,876 or 33.1 p.c., while no report for May was received from Prince Edward Island.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1934; Montreal registered a loss as compared with April, 1935, but an increase over May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1934.

1/ Revised to include figures from Charlottetown, which arrived too late for inclusion in the April report.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100)
1935	\$4,799,285	\$19,486,105	32.5	81.7
1934	3,019,761	7,999,917	13.3	83.0
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,639	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of 1935 was very substantially greater than in the same period in 1934 or 1933, being also slightly higher than in the months January - May, 1932; the increase over last year was 243.6 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, as already mentioned, was lower than in 1934, and all other years since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1935, and May, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	May, 1935	April, 1935	May, 1934
P.E.I... Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ 20,100	\$ 32,700
Nova Scotia	114,425	58,015	105,930
x Halifax	104,205	55,540	102,205
New Glasgow	2,720	1,825	2,050
x Sydney	7,500	650	1,675
New Brunswick	38,105	37,483	56,981
Fredericton	- 1/	350	7,555
x Moncton	20,525	17,705	26,127
x Saint John	17,580	19,528	23,299
Quebec	1,687,934	1,805,716	881,483
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	567,387	1,680,591	505,091
x Quebec	1,053,097	59,690	36,806
Shawinigan Falls	14,350	635	96,855
x Sherbrooke	30,900	34,650	10,200
x Three Rivers	11,900	5,420	158,325
x Westmount	10,300	24,730	74,206
Ontario	2,152,273	3,518,384	1,366,690
Belleville	11,300	13,550	27,900
x Brantford	30,962	12,610	8,296
Chatham	13,625	7,450	2,700
x Fort William	8,200	15,500	19,650
Galt	10,805	5,695	7,394
x Guelph	11,253	23,707	9,340
x Hamilton	109,370	916,285	112,680
x Kingston	47,633	23,319	14,598
x Kitchener	94,934	54,742	18,103
x London	56,645	1,065,170	63,455
Niagara Falls	5,065	1,090	21,040
Oshawa	6,250	3,040	3,600
x Ottawa	258,630	250,490	254,250
Owen Sound	5,425	5,875	3,000
x Peterborough	14,776	12,030	33,415
x Port Arthur	42,164	28,042	11,975
x Stratford	1,793	8,791	6,400
x St. Catharines	16,923	22,845	17,090
x St. Thomas	2,795	2,210	2,105
Sarnia	10,150	8,989	30,670
Sault Ste. Marie	14,795	17,370	21,582
x Toronto	1,179,404	616,214	546,641
York & East York Townships	141,266	273,770	104,950
Welland	5,605	11,550	9,430
x Windsor	32,760	98,990	4,621
East Windsor	510	2,500	475
Riverside	200	1,300	Nil
Sandwich	- 1/	Nil	700
Walkerville	6,000	8,000	2,000
Woodstock	12,985	7,260	8,630
Manitoba	181,480	115,600	147,861
x Brandon	8,450	52,850	10,306
St. Boniface	3,630	3,700	4,205
x Winnipeg	169,400	59,050	133,350
Saskatchewan	142,690	58,540	75,290
x Moose Jaw	87,850	20,555	2,820
x Regina	18,440	18,235	32,925
x Saskatoon	36,400	19,750	39,545
Alberta	175,307	408,534	157,404
x Calgary	72,246	108,266	45,260
x Edmonton	72,011	230,339	96,640
Lethbridge	27,860	16,379	9,124
Medicine Hat	3,190	3,550	6,380
British Columbia	307,071	269,780	195,422
Kamloops	6,909	2,779	8,472
Nanaimo	3,846	2,550	200
x New Westminster	15,650	32,925	17,190
Prince Rupert	3,466	1,605	1,375
x Vancouver	202,995	198,755	119,235
North Vancouver	5,125	3,665	240
x Victoria	69,080	27,501	48,710
Total - 61 Cities	4,799,265	2,629,152	3,019,761
xTotal - 35 Cities	4,484,208	5,867,573	2,616,534

1/ Report not received. 2/ Includes figures for Charlottetown, received too late for inclusion in April report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1935,
AND JUNE, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$5,117,066; this was an increase of \$291,881 or six p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,825,185^{1/}, and of \$2,705,606 or 112.2 p.c. in the more significant comparison with June, 1934, when the authorizations amounted to \$2,411,460.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first six months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years. Although the improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 81.5 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1935, showing that they had issued more than 300 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,241,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,700,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$23,000 were authorized in Brantford. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 400 dwellings and some 2,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and \$3,260,000, respectively; engineering projects estimated at \$119,152 were also authorized.

Improvement over May, 1935, was recorded in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$278,842 or 90.8 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere reported, those of \$190,751 or 11.3 p.c. in Quebec and \$103,505 or 72.6 p.c. in Saskatchewan were most pronounced.

As compared with June, 1934, there were increases in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; the gain of \$1,008,847 or 75.8 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,004,953 or 204.2 p.c. in Quebec were largest. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, there were decreases of \$36,655 and \$25,881, respectively, in this comparison.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1935, and also with June, 1934; Toronto showed a loss in the first, but a gain in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Yor' and East York Townships, East Windsor, Riverside, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops and New Westminster also reported improvement over May, 1935, and June, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

1/ Includes figures for Charlottetown and Fredericton, received too late for inclusion in the May report.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100)
1935	\$ 5,117,066	\$24,629,071	31.3	81.5
1934	2,411,460	10,411,377	13.2	82.8
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	78.9
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was decidedly higher than in any of the last three years, although it was lower than in earlier years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was slightly lower than in the first half of 1934, and was also lower than in other years since 1920, except 1933 and 1932.

The half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1932-1935. The aggregates in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia were higher in the period January - June, 1935, than in the same six months in any other of the years here shown; they were, however, generally lower than in earlier years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were smaller than in any of the preceding three years.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 61 CITIES
IN FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1932 - 1935.

Province	1935	1934	1933	1932
Prince Edward Island	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900	\$ 284,500
Nova Scotia	324,745	374,600	349,865	611,552
New Brunswick	140,817	210,740	175,288	377,176
Quebec	5,874,111	2,462,677	3,504,039	6,510,196
Ontario	12,591,610	5,094,136	3,749,568	10,028,674
Manitoba	2,354,965	348,986	434,586	1,652,427
Saskatchewan	312,980	209,840	393,904	1,664,997
Alberta	1,196,008	585,785	431,543	1,551,626
British Columbia	1,737,510	1,077,513	1,235,206	1,659,896
Canada	24,629,071	10,411,377	10,315,899	24,341,044

The following shows the January-June aggregates for the four leading cities:-

City	1935	1934	1933	1932
Montreal	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191	\$ 5,824,407
Toronto	5,215,395	2,523,471	1,614,038	4,154,431
Winnipeg	2,262,450	298,100	386,550	1,543,750
Vancouver	1,331,880	700,094	932,697	1,261,805
Total	13,231,140	5,129,570	6,097,476	12,784,393

In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the totals for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1931, while the Montreal aggregate was higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1932. Nearly 54 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 61 cities in the months January - June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with just over 49 p.c. in 1934.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1935, and June, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1935	May, 1935	June, 1934
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 41,575	24,500 1/	\$ 4,600
Nova Scotia	77,355	114,425	114,010
x Halifax	67,630	104,205	107,130
New Glasgow	2,325	2,720	1,280
x Sydney	7,400	7,500	5,600
New Brunswick	35,451	39,505 1/	61,332
Fredericton	400	1,400 1/	3,650
x Moncton	17,472	20,525	10,207
x Saint John	17,579	17,580	47,475
Quebec	1,497,183	1,687,934	492,230
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,407,754	567,387	360,695
x Quebec	34,789	1,053,097	18,635
Shawinigan Falls	3,140	14,350	6,100
x Sherbrooke	20,150	30,900	16,100
x Three Rivers	13,600	11,900	56,600
x Westmount	17,750	10,300	34,100
Ontario	2,338,877	2,152,273	1,330,030
Belleville	7,850	11,300	10,500
x Brantford	32,878	30,962	25,064
Chatham	6,900	13,625	100
x Fort William	43,400	8,200	14,900
Galt	262,105	10,805	8,072
x Guelph	157,624	11,253	32,452
x Hamilton	85,730	109,370	86,170
x Kingston	24,442	47,683	22,395
x Kitchener	23,754	94,934	43,050
x London	62,015	56,645	52,210
Niagara Falls	560	5,065	1,860
Oshawa	15,025	6,250	6,000
x Ottawa	203,315	258,630	116,615
Owen Sound	13,051	5,425	1,750
x Peterborough	62,645	14,776	11,045
x Port Arthur	20,245	42,164	23,790
x Stratford	5,231	1,793	3,463
x St. Catharines	25,490	16,923	8,580
x St. Thomas	7,475	2,795	5,100
Sarnia	15,379	10,150	16,270
Sault Ste. Marie	9,030	14,795	7,540
x Toronto	1,027,362	1,179,404	720,462
York & East York Townships	188,337	141,266	96,880
Welland	4,620	5,605	2,700
x Windsor	18,282	32,760	5,930
East Windsor	1,575	510	Nil
Riverside	500	200	Nil
Sandwich	200	-	400
Walkerville	3,000	6,000	Nil
Woodstock	10,857	12,985	6,732
Manitoba	189,485	181,480	82,590
x Brandon	2,650	8,450	3,105
St. Boniface	4,985	3,630	14,635
x Winnipeg	181,850	169,400	64,850
Saskatchewan	39,185	142,690	20,935
x Moose Jaw	700	87,850	3,650
x Regina	31,120	18,440	13,915
x Saskatoon	7,365	36,400	3,370
Alberta	312,042	175,307	93,585
x Calgary	237,735	72,246	33,848
x Edmonton	66,140	72,011	53,995
Lethbridge	7,672	27,860	5,087
Medicine Hat	495	3,190	655
British Columbia	585,913	307,071	212,148
Kamloops	29,083	6,909	495
Nanaimo	3,180	3,846	1,900
x New Westminster	17,500	15,650	4,100
Prince Rupert	490	3,466	7,030
x Vancouver	507,720	202,995	167,190
North Vancouver	1,225	5,125	410
x Victoria	26,715	69,080	31,023
Total - 61 Cities	5,117,066	4,825,185 1/	2,411,460
Total - x35 Cities	4,483,507	4,484,208	2,205,814

1/ Includes Charlottetown and Fredericton, received too late for inclusion in May report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1935,
AND JULY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 61 cities during July stood at \$4,266,224, a seasonal decline of \$850,842 or 16.6 p.c. as compared with the June, 1935, total of \$5,117,066, but an increase of \$1,008,754 or 31.0 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1934, aggregate of \$3,257,470.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first seven months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years. Although the improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 81.8 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 300 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,090,000, and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$3,100,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$27,530 were undertaken by Brantford. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,241,000 and \$3,700,000, respectively, while an engineering project valued at \$23,000 was also listed.

An increase over June, 1935, was reported in British Columbia, where the authorizations were valued at \$1,504,823, or 156.8 p.c. more than in the preceding month. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of 54.0 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1934, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases, that of \$1,367,008 in British Columbia being most pronounced. The value of the building authorized in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan was lower than in July of last year.

Three of the four largest cities - Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg - reported decreases as compared with June, 1935, but increases over July, 1934, while in Vancouver, there was an increase in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Quebec, Belleville, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed gains as compared with June, 1935, and also with July, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the January - July total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average =100)
1935	\$ 4,266,224	\$28,895,295	29.7	81.8
1934	3,257,470	13,668,847	14.0	82.8
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was very substantially higher than in 1934 or 1933, and also slightly exceeded the 1932 total; the increase over the same months of last year was 111.4 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was rather lower than in 1934; while it was higher than in 1933 or 1932, it was lower than in any of the preceding twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1935, and July, 1934; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "X".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s

July, 1935.

June, 1935.

July, 1934.

P. E. I.-Charlottetown	24,110	17,575	53,600
Nova Scotia	67,025	77,350	121,400
x Halifax	49,550	67,610	65,700
New Glasgow	675	2,315	3,100
x Sydney	114,850	7,600	12,450
New Brunswick	35,320	35,400	52,634
Fredericton	7,850	1,000	1,600
x Moncton	13,100	17,472	16,000
x Saint John	14,050	17,670	16,050
Quebec	688,670	2,457,713	32,000
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	547,915	2,907,754	56,000
x Quebec	87,740	24,799	43,722
Shawinigan Falls	2,790	5,610	5,000
x Sherbrooke	19,900	22,150	26,770
x Three Rivers	4,800	13,300	8,500
x Westmount	26,425	17,710	17,850
Ontario	1,609,992	2,335,877	2,361,200
Belleville	10,100	7,850	5,000
x Brantford	32,574	32,873	42,650
Chatham	6,400	6,900	8,600
x Fort William	33,900	43,400	35,050
Galt	7,057	262,105	2,750
x Guelph	26,855	157,624	35,500
x Hamilton	99,540	85,730	46,850
x Kingston	34,641	24,100	7,100
x Kitchener	90,983	23,794	38,000
x London	59,220	62,315	45,550
Niagara Falls	9,817	500	6,493
Oshawa	5,350	15,025	13,470
x Ottawa	100,320	203,325	204,100
Owen Sound	760	13,950	N.A.
x Peterborough	15,059	62,345	15,910
x Port Arthur	16,355	20,245	14,665
x Stratford	7,937	5,250	2,200
x St. Catharines	26,825	25,490	24,625
x St. Thomas	60,050	7,475	3,800
Sarnia	11,452	15,534	13,100
Sault Ste. Marie	9,140	9,370	7,650
x Toronto	736,208	1,067,362	644,500
York & East York Townships	172,520	188,337	188,765
Welland	7,790	4,620	4,710
x Windsor	14,600	18,282	12,066
East Windsor	2,825	1,575	525
Riverside	1,350	500	312
Sandwich	Nil	200	N.A.
Walkerville	4,000	3,000	3,000
Woodstock	5,804	10,957	10,730
Manitoba	157,550	183,485	95,870
x Brandon	11,000	2,650	1,687
St. Boniface	27,250	4,945	5,050
x Winnipeg	119,300	181,850	87,700
Saskatchewan	25,165	39,185	22,750
x Moose Jaw	900	700	20,120
x Regina	14,765	31,120	21,615
x Saskatoon	9,500	7,365	6,325
Alberta	155,567	312,042	78,200
x Calgary	77,570	237,765	33,500
x Edmonton	63,175	66,240	36,120
Lethbridge	11,750	7,672	8,450
Medicine Hat	3,072	495	95
British Columbia	1,504,823	535,913	157,815
Kamloops	6,310	29,085	1,000
Nanaimo	4,795	3,150	100
x New Westminster	26,650	17,500	1,700
Prince Rupert	2,113	1,900	125
x Vancouver	1,377,410	507,720	101,620
North Vancouver	3,100	1,825	1,100
x Victoria	84,440	26,715	31,100
Total - 61 Cities	4,266,227	5,117,050	5,277,410
Total - x35 Cities	3,917,479	4,483,507	3,913,914

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1935,
AND AUGUST, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1935, was practically the same as in the preceding month, while in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$4,293,058, as compared with \$4,266,224 in July, 1935, and \$3,764,425 in August, 1934. There was, therefore, an increase of 0.6 p.c. in the first comparison and of 14.0 p.c. in the second.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first **eight** months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$33,188,353, as compared with \$17,433,272 in the months January - August, 1934, \$14,407,111 in 1933 and \$32,576,464 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.0 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 240 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,800,000 and more than 1,900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,400,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,090,000 and \$3,100,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported gains as compared with July, 1935, that of \$903,917 in Nova Scotia being most pronounced. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,118,126 or 74.3 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$873,252 was in Nova Scotia. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$633,687 or 65.7 p.c. in Quebec was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Winnipeg showed decreases as compared with July, 1935, and also with August, 1934, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Hamilton, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon and Prince Rupert recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 = 100)
1935	\$ 4,293,058	\$ 33,188,353	30.4	82.0
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	89.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was higher by 90.4 p.c. than in 1934, and was also higher than in 1933 or 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1935 than in previous years of this record except 1933 and 1932.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1935, and August, 1934. The cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1935	July, 1935	August, 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 4,800	\$ 24,110	\$ 7,060
Nova Scotia	968,942	65,025	95,690
x Halifax	963,107	49,550	89,645
New Glasgow	800	675	745
x Sydney	5,035	14,800	5,300
New Brunswick	24,835	35,322	477,780
Fredericton	1,050	7,850	6,420
x Moncton	5,870	13,422	451,410
x Saint John	17,915	14,050	19,950
Quebec	330,541	688,670	964,228
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	257,416	547,015	618,545
x Quebec	55,080	87,740	32,873
Shawinigan Falls	600	2,790	250
x Sherbrooke	5,500	19,900	18,885
x Three Rivers	700	4,800	46,675
x Westmount	11,245	26,425	247,000
Ontario	2,325,133	1,609,992	1,726,310
Belleville	86,200	10,100	6,525
x Brantford	31,621	32,574	43,711
Chatham	8,806	6,400	3,150
x Fort William	12,125	33,900	458,950
Galt	41,740	7,057	25,985
x Guelph	12,325	26,855	10,115
x Hamilton	142,470	99,540	95,070
x Kingston	11,206	34,641	24,079
x Kitchener	106,083	90,983	29,492
x London	30,410	59,220	73,800
Niagara Falls	705	9,817	28,290
Oshawa	71,980	5,850	3,150
x Ottawa	752,715	100,320	133,765
Owen Sound	4,621	760	2,000
x Peterborough	38,357	15,059	23,979
x Port Arthur	10,645	16,355	7,400
x Stratford	4,680	7,937	4,199
x St. Catharines	54,585	26,825	9,438
x St. Thomas	50	60,050	1,430
Sarnia	9,254	11,452	14,070
Sault Ste. Marie	26,505	9,140	14,735
x Toronto	702,478	736,208	588,377
York & East York Townships	133,090	172,580	104,802
Welland	4,470	7,790	3,460
x Windsor	10,835	14,600	9,930
East Windsor	515	2,825	125
Riverside	1,925	1,350	600
Sandwich	100	Nil	400
Walkerville	2,000	4,000	2,000
Woodstock	12,637	5,804	3,283
Manitoba	102,985	157,550	107,000
x Brandon	27,385	11,000	4,500
St. Boniface	1,300	27,250	10,350
x Winnipeg	74,300	119,300	92,150
Saskatchewan	27,535	25,165	51,805
x Moose Jaw	4,660	900	21,250
x Regina	6,555	14,765	25,170
x Saskatoon	16,320	9,500	5,385
Alberta	121,590	155,567	122,451
x Calgary	58,237	77,570	48,276
x Edmonton	53,310	63,175	70,470
Lethbridge	10,043	11,750	2,090
Medicine Hat	Nil	3,072	1,615
British Columbia	386,697	1,504,823	212,101
x Kamloops	1,685	6,310	4,450
Nanaimo	900	4,795	5,730
x New Westminster	10,950	26,650	8,050
Prince Rupert	22,015	2,118	950
x Vancouver	308,585	1,377,410	148,350
North Vancouver	1,315	3,100	3,290
x Victoria	41,247	84,440	41,281
Total - 61 Cities	4,293,058	4,266,224	3,704,425
Total - x35 Cities	3,844,002	3,917,479	3,508,900

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1935, AND SEPTEMBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS,
1920-1935.

The value of the building authorized in 58¹ cities during September stood at \$3,322,026; this was a seasonal decrease of \$971,032 or 22.6 p.c. from the total of \$4,293,058 in August, 1935, but an increase of \$1,040,152 or 45.6 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$2,281,874.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first nine months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$36,510,379, as compared with \$19,715,146 in the months January-September, 1934, \$16,394,014 in 1933 and \$35,026,199 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 235 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000, and nearly 1,600 permits for other buildings valued at about \$1,700,000. In addition two cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$23,018. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 240 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,800,000 and \$2,400,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1935, that of \$463,449 in Saskatchewan being most pronounced; this increase was largely due to the granting of a permit for a public building at Regina.

As compared with September, 1934, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gains of \$450,515 and \$442,267 were reported in Ontario and Saskatchewan, respectively.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered smaller totals of authorized building than in August, but the value in each case was higher than in September, 1934. Montreal reported a gain in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg showed an increase in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Estcourt, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Windsor, St. Boniface, Regina, Kamloops, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded increases as compared both with August, 1935, and September, 1934.

¹ The recent amalgamation of East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville with Windsor reduces the number of reporting cities from 61 to 58, without affecting the areas and population covered in these building permits statistics.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58^{1/} cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1935	3,322,026	36,510,379	30.4	82.1
1934	2,281,874	19,715,146	16.5	82.8
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was higher by 85.2 p.c. than in 1934; it was also substantially higher than in 1933 and somewhat higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials has been lower in 1935 than in previous years of this record, except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58^{1/} cities during August and September, 1935, and September, 1934. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x". The monthly totals for these centres are being revised to include East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville from 1920, when their co-operation was first secured; however, no revision is possible for the years 1910-1919.

^{1/} See footnote on first page.

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s

September, 1935

August, 1935

September, 1934

	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	23,150	4,800	12,525
Nova Scotia	62,280	968,942	62,528
x Halifax	52,147	963,107	46,864
New Glasgow	4,800	800	1,322
x Sydney	5,333	5,035	14,342
New Brunswick	28,909	24,835	16,179
Fredericton	5,475	1,650	Nil
x Moncton	7,589	5,870	1,082
x Saint John	15,845	17,915	15,097
Quebec	583,517	330,541	629,190
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	359,618	257,416	543,508
x Quebec	168,454	55,080	45,518
Shawinigan Falls	520	600	1,100
x Sherbrooke	16,300	5,500	9,600
x Three Rivers	2,225	700	13,700
x Westmount	36,400	11,245	15,764
Ontario	1,616,273	2,325,133	1,165,758
Belleville	900	86,200	5,700
x Brantford	17,7948	31,621	20,355
Chatham	4,400	8,806	2,900
x Fort William	15,700	12,125	16,600
Galt	44,225	41,740	1,724
x Guelph	11,136	12,325	13,861
x Hamilton	142,974	142,470	80,635
x Kingston	18,648	11,206	12,085
x Kitchener	16,085	106,083	13,005
x London	51,965	30,410	48,700
Niagara Falls	43,375	705	1,316
Oshawa	16,780	71,980	5,200
x Ottawa	63,300	752,715	45,160
Owen Sound	7,000	4,621	6,475
x Peterborough	13,374	38,357	6,536
x Port Arthur	25,335	10,645	8,415
x Stratford	5,295	4,680	6,272
x St. Catharines	31,278	54,585	29,905
x St. Thomas	14,300	50	1,605
Sarnia	8,460	9,254	25,400
Sault Ste. Marie	10,490	26,505	165,375
x Toronto	630,271	702,478	541,612
York & East York Townships	126,366	133,090	52,410
Welland	3,862	4,470	32,180
x Windsor 1/	285,795	13,450	12,590
Riverside	1,100	1,925	Nil
Woodstock	5,911	12,637	9,742
Manitoba	116,930	102,985	66,365
x Brandon	2,100	27,385	1,600
St. Boniface	30,180	1,300	2,215
x Winnipeg	84,650	74,300	62,550
Saskatchewan	490,984	27,535	48,717
x Moose Jaw	5,150	4,660	5,500
x Regina	479,094	6,555	38,822
x Saskatoon	6,740	16,320	4,395
Alberta	106,034	121,590	93,150
x Calgary	54,519	58,237	29,235
x Edmonton	42,210	53,310	50,660
Lethbridge	9,015	10,043	9,790
Medicine Hat	290	Nil	3,465
British Columbia	293,949	386,697	187,462
Kamloops	5,175	1,685	1,700
Nanaimo	3,479	900	1,380
x New Westminster	9,300	10,950	7,500
Prince Rupert	1,005	22,015	1,730
x Vancouver	246,495	308,585	134,445
North Vancouver	1,385	1,315	620
x Victoria	27,110	41,247	40,087
Total - 58 Cities 1/	3,322,026	4,293,058	2,281,874
Total - 35 Cities 1/	2,953,547	3,846,67	1,937,605

1/ Includes East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville, formerly shown separately, amalgamated with Windsor as from July 1, 1935.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1935, AND OCTOBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October was \$4,020,308; this was an increase of \$698,282 or 21.0 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$3,322,026, and of \$1,422,284 or 54.7 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$2,598,024 for October, 1934.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first ten months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$40,530,687, as compared with \$22,313,170 in the months January-October, 1934, \$18,169,066 in 1933 and \$38,196,769 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,200,000 and about 1,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$2,500,000. In addition, 2 cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$33,244. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 235 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$1,000,000 and \$1,700,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1935, that of \$673,237 or 115.4 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The largest decrease in this comparison was in Saskatchewan, where the value of the building represented by the permits taken out declined from \$490,984 in September, to \$17,855 in October.

In comparison with October, 1934, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. Quebec reported the most pronounced increase, amounting to \$632,374 or 101.3 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed increases as compared with September, 1935, and their totals were also higher than in October, 1934; in Winnipeg, there was an improvement over September, 1935, but a decline as compared with October, 1934. Of the other centres, Halifax, Quebec City, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, Brantford, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Ottawa, Peterborough, York and East York Townships, Welland, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Lethbridge, Kamloops and New Westminster reported increases over both September, 1935, and October, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1935	\$ 4,020,308	\$40,530,647	30.0	82.1
1934	2,598,024	22,313,170	16.5	82.8
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,373	204,034,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	113,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of 1935 was higher by 81.6 p.c. than in 1934, being also substantially higher than in 1933 and somewhat higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1935 than in any year from 1920 to 1931.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 58 cities during September and October, 1935, and October, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	October, 1935	September, 1935	October, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 14,600	\$ 23,150	\$ 7,325
Nova Scotia	84,910	62,280	81,145
x Halifax	84,150	52,147	79,220
New Glasgow	760	4,800	175
x Sydney	Nil	5,333	1,750
New Brunswick	15,563	28,909	16,260
Fredericton	2,150	5,475	1,500
x Moncton	1,508	7,589	3,075
x Saint John	11,905	15,845	11,685
Quebec	1,256,754	583,517	624,380
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	675,042	359,618	369,927
x Quebec	530,070	168,454	54,390
Shawinigan Falls	26,882	520	350
x Sherbrooke	15,000	16,300	6,200
x Three Rivers	2,450	2,225	138,550
x Westmount	7,310	36,400	54,963
Ontario	2,118,719	1,616,273	1,370,900
Belleville	11,997	900	8,750
x Brantford	35,369	17,948	15,537
Chatham	4,900	4,400	6,950
x Fort William	10,575	15,700	7,680
Galt	3,319	44,225	10,271
x Guelph	13,678	11,136	3,581
x Hamilton	50,631	142,974	79,455
x Kingston	37,000	18,648	10,948
x Kitchener	61,475	16,085	20,681
x London	89,255	51,965	34,465
Niagara Falls	6,275	43,375	2,250
Oshawa	2,325	16,780	5,395
x Ottawa	590,480	63,300	184,050
Owen Sound	1,270	7,000	560
x Peterborough	23,777	13,374	18,396
x Port Arthur	11,478	25,335	13,080
x Stratford	9,750	5,295	12,180
x St. Catharines	8,068	31,278	20,820
x St. Thomas	3,885	14,300	871
Sarnia	7,000	8,460	4,549
Sault Ste. Marie	8,670	10,490	7,885
x Toronto	783,493	630,271	754,279
York & East York Townships	154,790	126,366	79,886
Welland	22,257	3,862	4,845
x Windsor 1/	155,617	285,795	55,450
Riverside	2,900	1,100	Nil
Woodstock	8,480	5,911	4,086
Manitoba	114,545	116,930	146,510
x Brandon	1,100	2,100	7,150
St. Boniface	17,995	30,180	7,360
x Winnipeg	95,450	84,650	132,000
Saskatchewan	17,855	490,984	50,780
x Moose Jaw	4,975	5,150	4,230
x Regina	6,695	1479,094	44,815
x Saskatoon	6,185	6,740	1,735
Alberta	84,450	106,034	113,834
x Calgary	17,969	54,519	43,896
x Edmonton	50,170	42,210	58,023
Lethbridge	15,746	9,015	9,030
Medicine Hat	565	290	2,885
British Columbia	312,912	293,949	186,890
Kamloops	5,430	5,175	1,195
Nanaimo	2,625	3,479	1,285
x New Westminster	24,445	9,500	8,250
Prince Rupert	2,800	1,005	5,060
x Vancouver	247,555	246,495	133,610
North Vancouver	950	1,585	4,685
x Victoria	29,107	27,110	32,805
Total - 58 Cities 1/	4,020,308	3,322,026	2,598,024
Total - 35 Cities 1/	3,695,622	2,953,547	2,417,747

1/ Includes East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville, formerly shown separately, amalgamated with Windsor as from July 1, 1935.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1935,
AND NOVEMBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$3,315,001. This was a seasonal decline of \$705,307 or 17.5 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$4,020,308, but an increase of \$692,467, or 26.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1934, figure of \$2,622,534.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$43,846,688, as compared with \$24,935,704 in the months January-November, 1934, \$19,793,204 in 1933 and \$40,750,142 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 58 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933, while it was the same as in 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 260 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,434,000, and about 1,060 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,640,000. In addition, authority was granted for engineering projects valued at \$13,500. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,200,000 and \$2,500,000, respectively, while engineering projects valued at \$33,244 were also authorized.

New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1935, that of \$187,588, or 8.9 p.c. in Ontario being greatest. Of the reductions indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$738,124, or 58.7 p.c. in Quebec was the largest.

As compared with November, 1934, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$598,340 or 35.0 p.c. in Ontario. The declines in the other provinces were comparatively small.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of last year, while in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1934, but lower than in October of this year. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, York and East York Townships, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1935	\$ 3,315,001	\$43,846,688	30.3	82.1
1934	2,622,534	24,935,704	17.2	82.7
1933	1,624,138	19,793,204	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was higher by 75.8 p.c. than in 1934; it was also considerably higher than in 1933, and rather higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was lower than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was fractionally lower in the months January to November of 1935 than in the same period of 1934, and was also lower than in any year from 1920 to 1930, while the average for 1931 was the same.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1935, and November, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	November, 1935.	October, 1935.	November, 1934.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 3,650	\$ 14,600	\$ 5,450
Nova Scotia	80,885	84,910	66,300
x Halifax	71,235	84,150	64,425
New Glasgow	1,900	760	450
x Sydney	7,750	Nil	1,425
New Brunswick	20,220	15,563	21,125
Fredericton	450	2,150	5,300
x Moncton	10,000	1,508	2,130
x Saint John	9,770	11,905	13,695
Quebec	518,630	1,256,754	491,876
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	428,115	675,042	337,786
x Quebec	60,245	530,070	25,960
Shawinigan Falls	200	26,882	1,000
x Sherbrooke	16,000	15,000	19,100
x Three Rivers	1,400	2,450	2,950
x Westmount	12,670	7,310	105,080
Ontario	2,306,307	2,118,719	1,707,967
Belleville	125	11,997	5,625
x Brantford	15,736	35,369	26,140
Chatham	2,175	4,900	3,150
x Fort William	4,300	10,575	7,850
Galt	2,207	3,319	22,810
x Guelph	15,846	13,678	9,060
x Hamilton	142,305	50,631	33,625
x Kingston	15,250	37,000	13,768
x Kitchener	77,589	61,475	12,737
x London	252,780	89,255	134,925
Niagara Falls	280	6,275	1,930
Oshawa	2,100	2,325	1,825
x Ottawa	358,000	590,480	79,580
Owen Sound	4,300	1,270	3,300
x Peterborough	9,680	23,777	3,434
x Port Arthur	4,889	11,478	2,275
x Stratford	850	9,755	5,330
x St. Catharines	40,744	8,068	13,625
x St. Thomas	1,005	3,885	2,485
Sarnia	5,458	7,000	3,915
Sault Ste. Marie	5,975	8,670	21,230
x Toronto	1,097,798	783,493	1,052,047
York & East York Townships	219,940	154,790	63,927
Welland	3,350	22,257	325
x Windsor	17,665	155,617	175,080
Riverside	350	2,900	2,500
Woodstock	5,610	8,480	5,469
Manitoba	56,250	114,545	24,450
x Brandon	1,600	1,100	2,200
St. Boniface	50	17,995	1,500
x Winnipeg	54,600	95,450	20,750
Saskatchewan	30,165	17,855	69,689
x Moose Jaw	225	4,975	950
x Regina	23,390	6,695	67,139
x Saskatoon	6,550	6,185	1,600
Alberta	30,850	84,450	62,424
x Calgary	16,148	17,969	37,526
x Edmonton	6,180	50,170	21,560
Lethbridge	4,587	15,746	1,248
Medicine Hat	3,935	565	2,090
British Columbia	268,044	312,912	173,253
Kamloops	2,951	5,430	3,972
Nanaimo	2,931	2,625	948
x New Westminster	16,425	24,445	11,490
Prince Rupert	3,305	2,800	1,925
x Vancouver	216,955	247,555	115,240
North Vancouver	370	950	475
x Victoria	25,107	29,107	39,203
Total - 58 Cities	3,315,001	4,020,308	2,622,534
xTotal- 35 Cities	3,038,802	3,695,622	2,320,270

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1935, AND DECEMBER, 1934, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1935.

The building permits issued by 58 cities in December, 1935, represented construction work valued at \$2,390,014, as compared with \$3,315,001 in November, 1935, and \$2,521,820 in December, 1934. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$924,987 or 27.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$131,806 or 5.2 p.c. as compared with the same month of 1934.

In 1935, the value of the building authorized in each month but December was greater than in the same month of 1934, while from January, the aggregate for each month exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The total for 1935 was higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$46,236,702, as compared with \$27,457,524 in 1934, \$21,776,496 in 1933 and \$42,319,397 in 1932; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while those for previous years are revised. Although the improvement indicated last year was partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations was also more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during 1935, at 82.2 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in any preceding year for which building statistics for the 58 cities are on record, with the exception of 1931, 1932 and 1933.

A review of building permits granted in 1935 will be issued next month.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued some 160 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$400,000 and over 300 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of more than \$800,000. There were also four permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$47,770. During November, the construction of some 260 dwellings and 1,060 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$1,434,000 and \$1,640,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Quebec reported an increase of \$409,600 or 79 p.c. in the value of the authorized building. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,165,953 or 50.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases as compared with December, 1934, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison, Quebec reported the greatest gain of \$673,951, or 265 p.c. Of the reduction in the remaining provinces, that of \$684,752 or 37.5 p.c. in Ontario was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1935, and December, 1934. Winnipeg and Vancouver reported declines as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over the same month in 1934, while Toronto showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kamloops, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded advances as compared with November, 1935, and also with December, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1935.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also for the completed years; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1935 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-35.

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1935	\$ 2,390,014	\$ 46,236,702	29.6	82.2
1934	2,521,820	27,457,524	17.6	82.6
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1935 indicate that last year's aggregate was 68.4 p.c. higher than in 1934; it was also considerably higher than in 1933 and rather higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was lower than in any other year since 1920. In this connection, it should be noted that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was practically the same as in 1934; while it was slightly higher than in 1931, 1932 or 1933, it was lower than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in November and December, 1935, and December, 1934. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities

December, 1935

November, 1935

December, 1934

	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	1/	3,650	2,850
Nova Scotia	31,660	80,885	42,211
x Halifax	31,610	71,235	40,811
New Glasgow	Nil	1,900	1,400
x Sydney	50	7,750	Nil
New Brunswick	Nil	20,220	20,945
Fredericton	Nil	450	Nil
x Moncton	1/	10,000	2,535
x Saint John	1/	9,770	18,410
Quebec	928,230	518,630	254,279
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	739,815	428,115	169,735
x Quebec	27,180	60,245	5,369
Shawinigan Falls	600	200	55,250
x Sherbrooke	135,100	16,000	7,500
x Three Rivers	2,735	1,400	675
x Westmount	22,800	12,670	15,750
Ontario	1,140,354	2,306,307	1,825,106
Belleville	800	125	Nil
x Brantford	17,460	15,736	43,950
Chatham	21,500	2,175	8,400
x Fort William	450	4,300	6,170
Galt	975	2,207	60
x Guelph	833	15,846	4,355
x Hamilton	47,797	142,305	90,165
x Kingston	295	15,250	3,200
x Kitchener	32,090	77,589	4,140
x London	12,655	252,780	84,360
Niagara Falls	1,135	280	8,678
Oshawa	400	2,100	2,000
x Ottawa	24,750	358,000	14,155
Owen Sound	1,150	4,300	800
x Peterborough	2,635	9,680	4,208
x Port Arthur	1,050	4,889	7,190
x Stratford	4,725	850	545
x St. Catharines	5,425	40,744	6,145
x St. Thomas	36,130	1,005	15,950
Sarnia	2,550	5,458	7,375
Sault Ste. Marie	17,250	5,975	935
x Toronto	739,812	1,097,798	1,392,627
York & East York Townships	139,333	219,940	88,805
Welland	60	3,350	1,850
x Windsor	9,405	17,665	22,200
Riverside	Nil	350	Nil
Woodstock	19,689	5,610	6,843
Manitoba	41,850	56,250	42,850
x Brandon	Nil	1,600	2,000
x St. Boniface	9,200	50	26,500
x Winnipeg	32,650	54,600	14,350
Saskatchewan	9,025	30,165	8,525
x Moose Jaw	Nil	225	350
x Regina	1,050	23,390	7,775
x Saskatoon	7,975	6,550	400
Alberta	26,275	30,850	206,498
x Calgary	13,920	16,148	190,806
x Edmonton	10,825	6,180	8,085
Lethbridge	1,430	4,587	5,607
Medicine Hat	100	3,935	2,000
British Columbia	212,620	268,044	118,556
Kamloops	3,130	2,951	120
Nanaimo	6,075	2,931	4,297
x New Westminster	20,465	16,425	2,100
Prince Rupert	351	3,305	Nil
x Vancouver	163,785	216,955	85,085
North Vancouver	Nil	370	145
x Victoria	18,814	25,107	26,809
otal - 58 Cities	2,390,014	3,315,001	2,521,820
otal - x35 Cities	2,134,286	3,038,802	2,279,105

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1935, AND JANUARY, 1935.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was considerably higher than in January, 1935; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,283,716, compared with \$2,401,856 in December, 1935, and \$882,878 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 46.6 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 45.4 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$376,000, and about 380 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$556,000; a permit was also taken out for an engineering project estimated to cost about \$1,600. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 160 dwellings and 300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$800,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1935, the gain of \$208,876 or 95.4 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the most marked were those of \$644,284 or 69.4 p.c. in Quebec, and \$683,395 or 59.9 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with January, 1935, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia showed increases; that of \$307,607 in British Columbia being largest. In the remaining provinces, the value of projected building as represented by the building permits taken out showed declines, of which that of \$101,741 or 18.2 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

In Vancouver, there was an increase in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year; in Montreal, there was a decline in the former, but an increase in the latter comparison, while Toronto and Winnipeg showed decreases in both comparisons. The following cities reported increases as compared with December and also as compared with January of last year - Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Oshawa, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Windsor, Brandon, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given, (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$ 1,283,716	27.2	82.2 ^{1/}
1935	882,878	18.7	81.8
1934	707,812	15.0	82.1
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.7
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1936 figure was higher by 45.4 p.c. than in January, 1935, and was also higher than in 1934 and 1933, but with these exceptions was lower than in any other year since 1920. The wholesale costs of building materials in recent months have been practically the same as in 1935 and 1934; while they were higher than in 1933 and 1932, they were considerably lower than in any other period since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January, 1936, and December and January, 1935. The statistics for all but the present year are based on revised statements furnished by the civic officials after the close of the year. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.		
	January, 1936	December, 1935	January, 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 3,050	\$ 1,760	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	52,640	31,660	14,075
x Halifax	50,640	31,610	12,075
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	50	2,000
New Brunswick	11,000	3,792	2,950
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,000	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	1/	3,792	2,950
Quebec	283,946	928,230	114,055
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	266,021	739,815	86,135
x Quebec	1,525	27,180	22,800
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	600	270
x Sherbrooke	9,500	135,100	3,550
x Three Rivers	1,900	2,735	800
x Westmount	5,000	22,800	500
Ontario	456,994	1,140,389	558,735
Belleville	500	800	280
x Brantford	16,594	17,460	10,105
Chatham	3,285	21,500	Nil
x Fort William	Nil	450	500
Galt	1,771	975	695
x Guelph	485	833	4,900
x Hamilton	50,620	47,797	37,360
x Kingston	3,375	295	75
x Kitchener	7,600	32,090	1,520
x London	17,390	12,655	8,220
Niagara Falls	1,000	1,135	1,590
Oshawa	1,450	400	1,000
x Ottawa	22,000	24,750	6,670
Owen Sound	Nil	1,150	1,000
x Peterborough	2,500	2,635	300
x Port Arthur	2,040	1,050	Nil
x Stratford	1,400	4,725	325
x St. Catharines	272	5,425	773
x St. Thomas	140	36,130	500
Sarnia	4,225	2,550	1,100
Sault Ste. Marie	1,415	17,250	2,500
x Toronto	201,087	739,812	445,338
York & East York Townships	53,060	139,368	24,174
Welland	50	60	Nil
x Windsor	62,925	9,405	5,925
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	1,810	19,689	3,885
Manitoba	34,166	41,850	40,150
x Brandon	3,766	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	9,200	600
x Winnipeg	30,400	32,650	39,550
Saskatchewan	4,991	9,025	18,885
x Moose Jaw	4,175	Nil	7,000
x Regina	216	1,050	4,650
x Saskatoon	600	7,975	7,235
Alberta	9,178	26,275	13,884
x Calgary	6,848	13,920	5,384
x Edmonton	2,000	10,825	7,310
Lethbridge	330	1,430	1,210
Medicine Hat	Nil	100	Nil
British Columbia	427,751	218,875	120,144
Kamloops	1,380	3,130	340
Nanaimo	6,830	6,075	1,575
x New Westminster	17,100	20,465	5,050
Prince Rupert	2,100	351	480
x Vancouver	359,415	163,785	86,345
North Vancouver	575	Nil	50
x Victoria	40,351	25,069	26,304
Total - 58 Cities	1,283,716	2,401,856	882,878
Total - x35 Cities	1,200,885	2,174,333	842,129

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1936, AND FEBRUARY, 1935.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 58 cities stood at \$1,911,884 in February, 1936; this was an increase of \$628,168 or 48.9 p.c. over the total of \$1,283,716 for the preceding month, but a decline of \$1,689,753 or 46.9 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$3,601,637 in February of last year, when authority had been granted for the erection of a large public building in one of the co-operating cities. The unusually severe weather of the present winter has retarded operations in building in many parts of the Dominion.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$310,000, and not quite 600 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,580,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 95 dwellings and 380 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$376,000 and \$556,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1936; the greatest gain, of \$756,311 or 176.8 p.c. took place in British Columbia. The remaining provinces showed declines in this comparison, that of \$80,656 or 28.4 p.c. in Quebec being largest.

As compared with February, 1935, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia recorded increases; the gain in the latter was considerable, amounting to \$932,638 or 370.9 p.c. Of the decreases in the other provinces, that of \$1,957,703 or 81.7 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

Of the four largest cities, only Vancouver reported an increase in the value of the building authorized as compared with either January, 1936, or February, 1935. Toronto showed an improvement in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison, while in Montreal and Winnipeg the total was lower in each case.

Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and Victoria reported improvement over the preceding month and also as compared with the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months, (1926 = 100)
1936	\$ 1,911,834	\$ 3,195,600	26.9	83.6 1/
1935	3,601,637	4,484,515	37.8	81.8
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1936 was lower than in 1935, but was higher than in 1934 or 1933. The totals for January - February in these four years were lower than in any other year for which statistics for the 58 cities are available. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have also been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January and February, 1936, and February, 1935. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

1/ January figure.

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.		
	February 1936	January 1936	February 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 10,675	\$ 3,050	\$ 10,150
Nova Scotia	33,010	52,640	34,550
x Halifax	33,010	50,640	30,000
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	3,050
x Sydney	Nil	2,000	1,500
New Brunswick	3,885	11,000	10,460
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	125	11,000	7,710
x Saint John	3,760	-	2,750
Quebec	203,290	283,946	521,373
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	159,355	266,021	487,638
x Quebec	8,460	1,525	17,460
Shawinigan Falls	2,000	Nil	300
x Sherbrooke	4,900	9,500	6,600
x Three Rivers	825	1,900	3,725
x Westmount	27,750	5,000	5,650
Ontario	438,856	456,994	2,396,559
Belleville	3,500	500	Nil
x Brantford	1,275	16,594	8,624
Chatham	350	3,285	20,375
x Fort William	Nil	Nil	300
Galt	2,800	1,771	1,300
x Guelph	6,700	485	2,850
x Hamilton	29,000	50,620	55,530
x Kingston	10,350	3,375	Nil
x Kitchener	6,975	7,600	9,600
x London	13,145	17,390	47,245
Niagara Falls	Nil	1,000	21,550
Oshawa	4,950	1,450	Nil
x Ottawa	18,600	22,000	1,151,390
Owen Sound	4,500	Nil	Nil
x Peterborough	4,675	2,500	375
x Port Arthur	1,911	2,040	375
x Stratford	2,125	1,400	Nil
x St. Catharines	Nil	272	1,050
x St. Thomas	Nil	140	100
Sarnia	4,275	4,225	4,420
Sault Ste. Marie	15,650	1,415	2,300
x Toronto	251,890	201,087	1,025,400
York & East York Townships	18,500	53,060	33,105
Welland	850	50	150
x Windsor	29,860	62,925	10,300
Riverside	Nil	Nil	200
Woodstock	6,975	1,810	20
Manitoba	19,700	34,166	305,700
x Brandon	Nil	3,766	3,600
St. Boniface	150	Nil	9,850
x Winnipeg	19,550	30,400	292,250
Saskatchewan	6,275	4,991	8,475
x Moose Jaw	5,075	4,175	175
x Regina	200	216	7,950
x Saskatoon	1,000	600	350
Alberta	12,131	9,178	62,946
x Calgary	8,486	6,848	55,711
x Edmonton	2,425	2,000	5,975
Lethbridge	220	330	1,225
Medicine Hat	1,000	Nil	35
British Columbia	1,184,062	427,751	251,424
Kamloops	600	1,380	3,435
Nanaimo	950	6,830	2,100
x New Westminster	17,850	17,100	25,535
Prince Rupert	300	2,100	2,400
x Vancouver	1,108,160	359,415	167,675
North Vancouver	Nil	575	2,650
x Victoria	56,202	40,351	47,629
Total - 58 Cities	1,911,884	1,283,716	3,601,637
x Total - 35 Cities	1,833,639	1,200,885	3,483,022

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1936, AND MARCH, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1936.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during March was \$ 2,361,271; this was an increase of \$ 449,387 or 23.5 p.c. over the February total of \$ 1,911,884. On the other hand, there was a decline of \$ 1,661,484 or 41.3 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$ 4,022,755 reported for March, 1935, when authority had been granted for the erection of a large public building in one of the co-operating cities. Construction work so far this year has been retarded by unusually severe weather in many sections of the country.

The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$ 5,556,871; this was a decrease of \$ 2,950,399 or 34.7 p.c. as compared with the same period of 1935, although it was higher than in the months, January-March of 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the first quarter in each of the last five years has been considerably lower than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for March, 1936, showing that they had granted some 265 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$ 1,166,000 and over 1,200 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$ 994,000. In addition, engineering projects, valued at approximately \$ 12,300, were authorized in two cities. During February, authority was given for the erection of about 100 dwellings and almost 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$ 310,000 and \$ 1,580,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1936, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$ 711,796 or 162.2 p.c. in Ontario. There was a large reduction in British Columbia, where the value of the construction permits taken out declined from \$ 1,184,062 in February, to \$ 496,750 in the month under review, or by 58 p.c.

As compared with March, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$ 274,808 or 123.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked. Of the reductions elsewhere recorded, that of \$ 1,477,400 in Manitoba was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal showed increases as compared with February, 1936, and March, 1935; in Toronto and Winnipeg there were gains over the preceding month, but losses as compared with the same month of last year. On the other hand, Vancouver reported a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1936, or March, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter, (1926=100)
1936	\$ 2,361,271	\$ 5,556,871	24.7	84.0
1935	4,022,755	8,507,270	37.8	81.4
1934	1,109,085	2,710,999	12.1	82.2
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

As already stated, the value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1936 was lower by 34.7 p.c. than in the same months of 1935, when permits had been issued for large public buildings in several centres; however, the aggregate value of the building authorized in the first three months of the present year was higher than in either 1934 or 1933. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in February and March, 1936, and March, 1935. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

C i t i e s	Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.		
	March 1936	February 1936	March 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 1/ .	\$ 10,675	\$ 7,000
Nova Scotia	82,377	33,010	25,875
x Halifax	78,377	33,010	24,575
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	4,000	Nil	1,300
New Brunswick	18,411	3,885	15,168
Fredericton	4,800	Nil	200
x Moncton	1,560	125	4,460
x Saint John	12,051	3,760	10,508
Quebec	468,308	203,290	247,850
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	387,310	159,355	191,910
x Quebec	44,980	8,460	25,090
Shawinigan Falls	200	2,000	1,850
x Sherbrooke	16,100	4,900	10,700
x Three Rivers	4,850	825	5,800
x Westmount	14,868	27,750	12,500
Ontario	1,150,652	438,856	1,724,375
Belleville	17,350	3,500	2,500
x Brantford	5,718	1,275	28,261
Chatham	750	350	12,650
x Fort William	9,750	Nil	7,500
Galt	3,145	2,800	8,566
x Guelph	4,090	6,700	3,775
x Hamilton	118,570	29,000	47,640
x Kingston	12,927	10,350	1,370
x Kitchener	7,685	6,975	20,470
x London	28,205	13,145	99,580
Niagara Falls	2,605	Nil	715
Oshawa	825	4,950	550
x Ottawa	200,590	18,600	331,580
Owen Sound	1,090	4,500	5,025
x Peterborough	15,858	4,675	2,580
x Port Arthur	11,620	1,911	3,393
x Stratford	2,720	2,125	845
x St. Catharines	4,301	Nil	4,683
x St. Thomas	725	Nil	1,000
Sarnia	10,040	4,275	2,840
Sault Ste. Marie	3,650	15,650	7,275
x Toronto	493,235	251,890	1,021,677
York & East York Townships	150,630	18,500	72,345
Welland	14,135	850	10,895
x Windsor	24,641	29,860	16,525
Riverside	400	Nil	1,050
Woodstock	5,397	6,975	9,085
Manitoba	45,150	19,700	1,522,550
x Brandon	250	Nil	400
St. Boniface	Nil	150	1,800
x Winnipeg	44,900	19,550	1,520,350
Saskatchewan	3,020	6,275	45,255
x Moose Jaw	1/ .	5,075	3,975
x Regina	1,065	200	21,000
x Saskatoon	1,955	1,000	20,280
Alberta	96,603	12,131	212,740
x Calgary	49,541	8,486	180,723
x Edmonton	26,575	2,425	18,890
Lethbridge	6,737	220	11,165
Medicine Hat	13,750	1,000	1,962
British Columbia	496,750	1,184,062	221,942
Kamloops	8,515	600	2,425
Nanaimo	21,810	950	2,800
x New Westminster	32,695	17,850	5,595
Prince Rupert	660	300	3,200
x Vancouver	355,905	1,108,160	168,390
North Vancouver	33,650	Nil	415
x Victoria	43,515	56,202	39,117
Total - 58 Cities	2,361,271	1,911,884	4,022,755
x Total - 35 Cities	2,061,132	1,833,639	3,856,442

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1936, AND APRIL, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 58 cities which granted permits for construction work valued at \$ 3,183,336 during April, as compared with \$ 2,361,771 in the preceding month, and \$ 6,300,046 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$ 821,565 or 34.8 p.c. as compared with March, but the April, 1936, total was smaller by \$ 3,116,710, or 49.5 p.c., than in April, 1935, when permits had been taken out for the construction of public buildings in certain centres.

The estimated value of the construction authorized in the first four months of the present year was \$ 8,740,707; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$ 14,807,316 reported in the period January-April, 1935, although it was higher than in these months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the first four months of each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any earlier year of the record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931 than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1936, showing that they had issued more than 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$ 1,300,000, and for nearly 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$ 1,800,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 265 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$ 1,166,000 and \$ 994,000, respectively, while engineering projects estimated to cost some \$ 12,300 were also reported.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded moderate increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$ 558,062 taking place in Alberta. In New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia there were small declines in this comparison.

As compared with April, 1935, there were increases in Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia, that of \$ 246,131 or 60.2 p.c. in Alberta being most noteworthy. In this comparison, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba showed declines, of which that of \$ 2,197,109 or 62.3 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1935. In Toronto, the value was higher than in March, 1936, but lower than in April, 1935, while in Montreal there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1936, and also with April, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months, (1926 average=100)
1936	\$ 3,183,336	\$ 8,740,707	21.0	84.2
1935	6,300,046	14,807,316	35.6	81.5
1934	2,269,157	4,980,156	12.0	82.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,848,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

As already stated, the aggregate for the first four months of this year was lower than in the same period of 1935, although it was greater than in 1934 or 1933. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during April and March, 1936, and April, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

C i t i e s	April	March	April
	1936	1936	1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 11,675	\$ ---	\$ 13,100
Nova Scotia	108,865	82,377	58,015
x Halifax	102,215	78,377	55,540
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	1,825
x Sydney	6,650	4,000	650
New Brunswick	13,765	18,411	37,483
Fredericton	3,350	4,800	350
x Moncton	10,415	1,560	17,705
x Saint John	1/ 444,786	12,051	19,428
Quebec	305,336	468,308	1,805,716
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	35,590	387,310	1,680,591
x Quebec	7,525	44,980	59,690
Shawinigan Falls	23,175	200	635
x Sherbrooke	32,350	16,100	34,650
x Three Rivers	40,810	4,850	5,420
x Westmount	1,329,915	14,868	24,730
Ontario	5,350	1,150,652	3,527,024
Belleville	6,138	17,350	13,550
x Brantford	37,975	5,718	11,110
Chatham	23,725	750	7,450
x Fort William	16,925	9,750	15,500
Galt	4,251	3,145	5,695
x Guelph	106,896	4,090	23,707
x Hamilton	12,883	118,570	926,275
x Kingston	26,662	12,927	23,319
x Kitchener	59,285	7,685	54,742
x London	9,485	28,205	1,065,170
Niagara Falls	16,345	2,605	990
Oshawa	71,485	825	3,040
x Ottawa	6,113	200,590	250,490
Owen Sound	26,872	1,090	5,125
x Peterborough	12,900	15,858	12,030
x Port Arthur	755	11,620	28,042
x Stratford	15,874	2,720	8,791
x St. Catharines	3,530	4,301	22,845
x St. Thomas	5,725	725	2,210
Sarnia	27,735	10,040	8,989
Sault Ste. Marie	530,942	3,650	17,370
x Toronto	239,700	493,235	616,214
York & East York Townships	8,080	150,630	274,770
Welland	39,835	14,135	11,550
x Windsor	4,700	24,641	109,490
Riverside	9,749	400	1,300
Woodstock	67,725	5,397	7,260
Manitoba	925	45,150	115,600
x Brandon	1,200	250	52,850
St. Boniface	65,600	Nil	3,700
x Winnipeg	55,976	44,900	59,050
Saskatchewan	1,200	3,520 2/	58,540
x Moose Jaw	40,816	500 2/	20,555
x Regina	13,960	1,065	18,235
x Saskatoon	654,665	1,955	19,750
Alberta	214,365	96,603	408,534
x Calgary	408,225	49,541	108,266
x Edmonton	31,525	26,575	280,339
Lethbridge	550	6,737	16,379
Medicine Hat	495,964	13,750	3,550
British Columbia	18,990	496,750	276,034
Kamloops	6,142	8,515	2,779
Nanaimo	24,990	21,810	2,550
x New Westminster	320	32,695	32,925
Prince Rupert	396,040	660	1,605
x Vancouver	2,070	355,905	198,755
North Vancouver	47,412	33,650	3,665
x Victoria	3,183,336	43,515	33,755
Total - 58 Cities	2,712,107	1/ 2,361,771 2/	6,300,046
x Total - 35 Cities		2/ 2,051,632 2/	5,892,819

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1936,
AND MAY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May, 1936, was higher by 30.2 p.c. than in April, 1936, but was lower by 12.0 p.c. than in May, 1935. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$ 4,160,988, as compared with \$ 3,196,471 in the preceding month, and \$ 4,728,340 in May of last year.

The value of the building authorized in the first five months of the present year was \$ 12,914,830; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$ 19,535,656 reported in the period January - May, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first five months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931 than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for May, 1936, showing that they had issued almost 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$ 1,600,000, and for more than 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$ 2,200,000, while an engineering project valued at some \$ 500 was also reported. In April, authority was given for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$ 1,300,000 and \$ 1,800,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during May as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$ 809,652 or 60.9 p.c. taking place in Ontario. In Alberta, the May total was lower by \$ 514,308 or 78.6 p.c. than that for April.

As compared with May, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia registered increases, of which that of \$ 239,135 or 76.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most noteworthy. The greatest decline was that of \$ 991,334 or 58.7 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1935; Montreal and Toronto recorded increases over April, 1936, but decreases as compared with May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Prince Rupert showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average = 100)
1936	4,160,988	12,914,830	21.5	84.3
1935	4,728,340	19,535,656	32.5	81.7
1934	3,019,761	7,999,917	13.3	83.0
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

As already mentioned, the aggregate for the first five months of 1936 was smaller than in the same period in 1935, although it was higher than the months January - May of either 1934 or 1933. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and April, 1936, and May, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Cities	May 1936	April 1936	May 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 22,000	\$ 11,675	\$ 24,500
Nova Scotia	135,233	108,865	114,425
x Halifax	120,783	102,215	104,205
New Glasgow	350	Nil	2,720
x Sydney	14,100	6,650	7,500
New Brunswick	76,195	26,900	39,505
Fredericton	51,800	3,350	1,400
x Moncton	1/	10,415	20,525
x Saint John	24,395	13,135	17,580
Quebec	696,430	444,786	1,687,764
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	565,045	305,336	567,387
x Quebec	51,955	35,590	1,053,097
Shawinigan Falls	24,955	7,525	14,350
x Sherbrooke	14,650	23,175	30,900
x Three Rivers	4,200	32,350	11,900
x Westmount	35,625	40,810	10,130
Ontario	2,139,567	1,329,915	2,151,023
Belleville	11,750	5,350	11,300
x Brantford	17,399	6,138	30,962
Chatham	5,575	37,975	13,375
x Fort William	20,800	23,725	8,200
Galt	9,156	16,925	10,805
x Guelph	8,288	4,251	11,253
x Hamilton	94,565	106,896	109,370
x Kingston	27,095	12,883	47,683
x Kitchener	42,002	26,662	94,934
x London	82,970	59,285	56,645
Niagara Falls	30,048	9,485	5,065
Oshawa	15,900	16,345	6,250
x Ottawa	354,810	71,485	258,630
Owen Sound	3,505	6,113	5,425
x Peterborough	11,160	26,872	14,776
x Port Arthur	25,473	12,900	42,164
x Stratford	2,879	755	1,793
x St. Catharines	40,463	15,874	16,923
x St. Thomas	2,200	3,530	1,795
Sarnia	7,763	5,725	10,150
Sault Ste. Marie	39,945	27,735	14,795
x Toronto	710,734	530,942	1,179,404
York & East York Townships	439,890	239,700	141,266
Welland	15,404	8,080	5,605
x Windsor	108,350	39,835	39,270
Riverside	1/	4,700	200
Woodstock	11,443	9,749	12,985
Manitoba	340,790	67,725	181,480
x Brandon	4,150	925	8,450
St. Boniface	10,940	1,200	3,630
x Winnipeg	325,700	65,600	169,400
Saskatchewan	57,955	55,976	62,690
x Moose Jaw	5,735	1,200	7,850
x Regina	33,440	40,816	18,440
x Saskatoon	18,780	13,960	36,400
Alberta	140,357	654,665	153,627
x Calgary	55,582	214,365	50,566
x Edmonton	63,700	408,225	72,011
Lethbridge	16,665	31,525	27,860
Medicine Hat	4,410	550	3,190
British Columbia	552,461	495,964	313,326
Kamloops	22,270	18,990	6,909
Nanaimo	9,050	6,142	3,846
x New Westminster	26,630	24,990	15,650
Prince Rupert	4,125	320	3,466
x Vancouver	452,410	396,040	202,995
North Vancouver	1,125	2,070	5,125
x Victoria	36,851	47,412	75,335
Total - 58 Cities	4,160,988	3,196,471	4,728,340
x Total - 35 Cities	3,402,919	2,725,242	4,394,123

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1936,
AND JUNE, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June was \$4,580,740; this was an increase of \$414,902 or 10.0 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,165,838,^{1/} but a decrease of \$524,115 or 10.2 p.c. in comparison with June, 1935, when the authorizations amounted to \$5,104,855.

The value of the building authorized in the first six months of the present year was \$17,500,420; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$24,640,511 reported in the period January-June, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first six months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931, than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for June, 1936, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$2,000,000 and for some 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$2,400,000. In May, authority was given for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,600,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during June as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$397,123 or 70.3 p.c. taking place in Quebec. In New Brunswick, the June total was lower by 65.7 p.c. than that for May.

As compared with June, 1935, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan registered increases of \$107,775 or 139.3 p.c. and \$70,930 or 181.0 p.c., respectively. Of the declines those of \$403,630 or 27.0 p.c. in Quebec and \$120,306 or 38.7 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1936, but decreases as compared with June, 1935; Winnipeg and Vancouver showed losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Chatham, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1936, and June, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

1/ Includes Riverside, received too late for inclusion in the May report.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$ 4,580,740	\$ 17,500,420	22.2	84.8
1935	5,104,855	24,640,511	33.8	81.2
1934	2,411,460	10,411,377	13.2	82.8
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	78.9
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1933-1936. The aggregates in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were higher in the period January-June, 1936, than in the same six months in 1935; they were, however, generally lower than in most years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were smaller than in the preceding year.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS FOR BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 58 CITIES IN
FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1933-1936.

Province	1936	1935	1934	1933
Prince Edward Island	\$ 73,650	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900
Nova Scotia	597,255	324,295	374,600	349,865
New Brunswick	162,526	141,017	210,740	175,288
Quebec	3,190,313	5,873,941	2,462,677	3,504,039
Ontario	7,824,659	12,678,819	5,094,136	3,749,568
Manitoba	664,815	2,355,065	348,986	434,586
Saskatchewan	238,832	233,030	209,840	393,904
Alberta	1,103,878	1,162,981	585,785	431,543
British Columbia	3,644,492	1,775,038	1,077,513	1,235,206
Canada	17,500,420	24,640,511	10,411,377	10,315,899

The following shows the January-June aggregates for the four leading cities:-

City	1936	1935	1934	1933
Montreal	\$ 2,293,555	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191
Toronto	3,092,190	5,315,395	2,523,471	1,614,038
Winnipeg	618,100	2,262,450	298,100	386,550
Vancouver	3,050,825	1,331,880	700,094	932,697
Total	9,054,670	13,331,140	5,129,570	6,097,476

In Vancouver, the total for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1932; in Toronto and Winnipeg, the aggregates were higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1935, while Montreal showed an increase over 1934, but a decrease as compared with 1935 and 1933. Over 51 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 58 cities in the months January-June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with more than 54 p.c. in 1935.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and June, 1936, and June 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

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Cities	June, 1936	May, 1936	June, 1935
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 26,250	\$ 22,000	\$ 41,575
Nova Scotia	185,130	135,233	77,355
x Halifax	141,855	120,783	67,630
New Glasgow	15,300	350	2,325
x Sydney	27,975	14,100	7,400
New Brunswick	26,135	76,195	35,451
Fredericton	1,000	51,800	400
x Moncton	1,650	-	17,472
x Saint John	23,485	24,395	17,579
Quebec	1,093,553	696,430	1,497,183
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	610,488	565,045	1,407,754
x Quebec	421,905	51,955	34,789
Shawinigan Falls	6,110	24,955	3,140
x Sherbrooke	26,625	14,650	20,150
x Three Rivers	5,900	4,200	13,600
x Westmount	22,525	35,625	17,750
Ontario 1/	2,303,825	2,144,417	2,321,103
Belleville	11,350	11,750	7,850
x Brantford	19,910	17,399	32,878
Chatham	16,915	5,575	6,900
x Fort William	51,925	20,800	43,400
Galt	17,133	9,156	262,105
x Guelph	10,139	8,288	146,450
x Hamilton	166,325	94,565	85,730
x Kingston	36,124	27,095	24,442
x Kitchener	53,896	42,002	23,754
x London	95,075	82,970	62,015
Niagara Falls	22,880	30,048	560
Oshawa	12,965	15,900	15,025
x Ottawa	304,125	354,810	196,815
Owen Sound	23,725	3,505	13,051
x Peterborough	46,084	11,160	62,645
x Port Arthur	50,035	25,473	20,245
x Stratford	16,348	2,879	5,231
x St. Catharines	29,570	40,463	25,490
x St. Thomas	44,450	2,200	7,375
Sarnia	10,435	7,763	15,379
Sault Ste. Marie	32,555	39,945	9,030
x Toronto	904,302	710,734	1,027,362
York & East York Townships	254,295	439,890	188,337
Welland	11,493	15,404	4,620
x Windsor	42,575	103,350	23,057
Riverside 1/	2,750	4,850	500
Woodstock	11,446	11,443	10,857
Manitoba	157,284	340,790	189,585
x Brandon	9,275	4,150	2,750
St. Boniface	16,059	10,940	4,985
x Winnipeg	131,950	325,700	181,850
Saskatchewan	110,115	57,955	39,185
x Moose Jaw	3,610	5,735	700
x Regina	44,820	33,440	31,120
x Saskatoon	61,685	18,780	7,365
Alberta	190,944	140,357	311,250
x Calgary	91,929	55,582	236,943
x Edmonton	74,390	63,700	66,140
Lethbridge	24,400	16,665	7,672
Medicine Hat	225	4,410	495
British Columbia	487,504	552,461	592,168
Kamloops	5,530	22,270	29,083
Nanaimo	24,548	9,050	3,180
x New Westminster	48,050	26,630	17,500
Prince Rupert	1,755	4,125	490
x Vancouver	378,895	452,410	507,720
North Vancouver	3,834	1,125	1,225
x Victoria	24,892	36,851	32,970
Total 58 Cities 1/	4,580,740	4,165,838	5,104,855
xTotal 35 Cities	4,027,787	3,402,919	4,476,071

1/ Includes Riverside received too late for inclusion in May report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1936,
AND JULY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 58 cities during July stood at \$4,602,897, a slight increase of \$22,157 or 0.5 p.c. as compared with the June, 1936, total of \$4,580,740; there was also an increase of \$206,495 or 4.7 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1935, aggregate of \$4,396,402.

The value of the building authorized in the first seven months of the present year was \$22,103,317; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$29,036,913 reported in the period January - July, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first seven months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,700,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at over \$2,300,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$9,925 were undertaken by Port Arthur. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000 and \$2,400,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1936, were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec and Manitoba, that of \$230,903 or 21.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$74,706 or 67.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta showed increases. The gain of \$608,786 or 85.1 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy. In Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the authorized building had a lower valuation than in the same month of last year; the greatest decline was in British Columbia, amounting to \$1,034,933 or 68.5 p.c.

Of the larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - Montreal and Winnipeg showed increases over June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935. In Toronto, the total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year, while in Vancouver, the July, 1936, authorizations were lower in value than in either June, 1936, or July, 1935.

Of the other centres, Fredericton, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Kingston, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Woodstock, Edmonton and New Westminster showed gains as compared with June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the January - July total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$4,602,897	\$ 22,103,317	22.7	84.5
1935	4,396,402	29,036,913	29.8	81.8
1934	3,257,470	13,668,847	14.0	82.8
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was lower than in 1935, although it was higher than the total for the same period in either 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though rather higher than in any of the years 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June and July, 1936, and July, 1935; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	July, 1936	June, 1936	July, 1935
P. E. I.- Charlottetown	\$ 18,035	\$ 26,250	\$ 24,110
Nova Scotia	114,690	185,130	66,125
x Halifax	96,445	141,855	49,550
New Glasgow	5,375	15,300	675
x Sydney	12,870	27,975	15,900
New Brunswick	47,685	26,135	35,322
Fredericton	10,000	1,000	7,850
x Moncton	37,685	1,650	13,422
x Saint John	1/	23,485	14,050
Quebec	1,324,456	1,093,553	715,670
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,198,971	610,483	574,015
x Quebec	32,825	421,905	87,740
Shawinigan Falls	5,375	6,110	2,790
x Sherbrooke	40,200	26,625	19,900
x Three Rivers	6,085	5,900	4,800
x Westmount	41,000	22,525	26,425
Ontario	2,245,194	2,303,825	1,610,597
Belleville	6,490	11,350	10,100
x Brantford	24,445	19,910	32,574
Chatham	9,500	16,915	6,400
x Fort William	29,800	51,925	33,900
Galt	6,810	17,133	7,057
x Guelph	17,220	10,139	26,855
x Hamilton	90,550	166,325	99,540
x Kingston	42,715	36,124	34,641
x Kitchener	43,780	58,896	90,983
x London	77,730	95,075	59,220
Niagara Falls	6,405	22,880	9,817
Oshawa	9,650	12,965	5,850
x Ottawa	199,450	304,125	100,320
Owen Sound	21,782	23,725	760
x Peterborough	52,134	46,084	15,059
x Port Arthur	27,413	50,035	16,355
x Stratford	2,715	16,348	7,937
x St. Catharines	261,905	29,570	26,830
x St. Thomas	4,705	44,450	60,050
Sarnia	13,905	10,435	11,452
Sault Ste. Marie	17,690	32,555	9,140
x Toronto	776,851	904,302	736,208
York & East York Townships	295,190	254,295	172,580
Welland	15,454	11,493	7,790
x Windsor	101,802	42,575	21,425
Riverside	1,425	2,750	1,950
Woodstock	87,678	11,446	5,804
Manitoba	172,800	157,284	157,550
x Brandon	1,600	9,275	11,000
St. Boniface	2,950	16,059	27,250
x Winnipeg	168,250	131,950	119,300
Saskatchewan	35,409	110,115	120,794
x Moose Jaw	13,065	3,610	96,529
x Regina	14,969	44,820	14,765
x Saskatoon	7,375	61,685	9,500
Alberta	168,484	190,944	155,157
x Calgary	59,904	91,929	77,160
x Edmonton	93,875	74,390	63,175
Lethbridge	12,230	24,400	11,750
Medicine Hat	2,475	225	3,072
British Columbia	476,144	487,504	1,511,077
Kamloops	3,070	5,530	6,310
Nanaimo	14,610	24,548	4,795
x New Westminster	91,450	48,050	26,650
Prince Rupert	235	1,755	2,118
x Vancouver	338,520	378,895	1,377,410
North Vancouver	3,695	3,834	3,100
x Victoria	24,564	24,892	90,694
Total 58 Cities	4,602,897	4,580,740	4,396,402
x Total 35 Cities	4,032,868	4,027,787	4,053,882

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1936,
AND AUGUST, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1936, was smaller than in the preceding month, and was also less than in August of last year; during the month under review, the 58 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,672,845, as compared with \$4,615,502 in July, 1936, and \$4,311,968 in August, 1935. There was, therefore, a decrease of 20.4 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 14.8 p.c. in the second.

The value of the building authorized in the first eight months of the present year was \$25,788,767; this was lower than the aggregate of \$33,348,881 reported in the period January-August, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first eight months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for this period in each of the last five years had been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,500,000 and more than 1,500 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,850,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,700,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

As compared with July, 1936, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan reported gains of \$63,721 and \$108,923, respectively. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$484,977 or 36.6 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$508,938 or 154.0 p.c. was in Quebec. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$790,531 or 81.6 p.c. in Nova Scotia was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver showed decreases as compared with July, 1936, and also with August, 1935, while in Montreal and Winnipeg there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, London, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Mamloops and Victoria recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during August, and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based on the January-August total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926=100)
1936	\$3,672,845	\$25,788,767	23.6	84.7
1935	4,311,968	33,348,881	30.5	81.2
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was lower than in 1935, although it was higher than in 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of building permits issued by 58 cities during July and August, 1936, and August, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	August, 1936	July, 1936	August, 1935
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 6,280	\$ 18,035	\$ 4,800
Nova Scotia	178,411	114,690	968,942
x Halifax	128,000	96,445	963,107
New Glasgow	440	5,375	800
x Sydney	49,971	12,870	5,035
New Brunswick	24,936	60,290	24,835
Fredericton	9,100	10,000	1,050
x Moncton	2,375	37,685	5,870
x Saint John	13,461	12,605	17,915
Quebec	839,479	1,324,456	330,541
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	659,822	1,198,971	257,416
x Quebec	66,307	32,825	55,080
Shawinigan Falls	6,325	5,375	600
x Sherbrooke	17,300	40,200	5,500
x Three Rivers	9,100	6,085	700
x Westmount	44,625	41,000	11,245
Ontario	1,815,415	2,245,194	2,325,083
Belleville	8,200	6,490	86,200
x Brantford	16,195	24,445	31,621
Chatham	14,000	9,500	8,806
x Fort William	15,350	29,800	12,125
Galt	34,775	6,810	41,740
x Guelph	12,045	17,220	12,325
x Hamilton	119,810	90,550	142,470
x Kingston	29,020	42,715	11,206
x Kitchener	44,036	43,780	106,083
x London	88,315	77,730	30,410
Niagara Falls	17,555	6,405	705
Oshawa	27,745	9,650	71,980
x Ottawa	222,032	199,450	752,715
Owen Sound	3,625	21,782	4,621
x Peterborough	23,523	52,134	38,357
x Port Arthur	32,260	27,413	10,645
x Stratford	1,130	2,715	4,680
x St. Catharines	185,954	261,905	54,585
x St. Thomas	475	4,705	Nil
Sarnia	32,845	13,905	9,254
Sault Ste. Marie	27,050	17,690	26,505
x Toronto	555,014	776,851	702,478
York and East York Townships	203,745	295,190	133,090
Welland	20,317	15,454	4,470
x Windsor	62,565	101,802	13,450
Riverside	1,750	1,425	1,925
Woodstock	15,884	87,678	12,637
Manitoba	154,985	172,800	102,985
x Brandon	4,595	1,600	27,385
St. Boniface	20,140	2,950	1,300
x Winnipeg	130,250	168,250	74,300
Saskatchewan	144,332	35,409	40,115
x Moose Jaw	1,835	13,065	17,240
x Regina	121,122	14,969	6,555
x Saskatoon	21,375	7,375	16,320
Alberta	130,352	168,484	121,715
x Calgary	30,100	59,904	58,002
x Edmonton	54,880	93,875	53,310
Lethbridge	44,412	12,230	10,403
Medicine Hat	960	2,475	Nil
British Columbia	376,655	476,144	392,952
Kamloops	10,060	3,070	1,685
Nanaimo	7,610	14,610	900
x New Westminster	43,600	91,450	10,950
Prince Rupert	225	235	22,015
x Vancouver	261,690	338,520	308,585
North Vancouver	2,890	3,695	1,315
x Victoria	50,580	24,564	47,502
Total - 58 Cities	3,672,845	4,615,502	4,311,968
Total - x35 Cities	3,154,912	4,045,473	3,865,167

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1936,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building authorized in 58 cities during September stood at \$3,644,560; this was a seasonal decrease of \$28,285 or 0.8 p.c. from the total of \$3,672,845 in August, 1935, but an increase of \$312,645 or 9.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$3,331,915.

The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of the present year was \$29,433,327; this was lower than the aggregate of \$36,680,796 reported in the period January-September, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first nine months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 360 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,135,000 and more than 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$2,170,000. In addition, two cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$16,270. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 350 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,500,000 and \$1,850,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario reported moderate increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1936, that of \$54,348 in Quebec being largest. In Manitoba, practically no change was indicated, while of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,794 or 50.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1935, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gain of \$310,310 or 53.2 p.c. was reported in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed larger totals of authorized building than in August, and the value in each case was also higher than in September, 1935; in Winnipeg, there was a decline in the first comparison, it an increase over September of last year. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Fort William, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Godstock, Brandon, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert recorded increases as compared with both August, 1936, and September, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the period January - September of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average index of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1936	\$ 3,644,560	\$ 29,433,327	24.5	84.8
1935	3,672,845	36,680,796	30.5	81.2
1934	2,281,874	19,715,146	16.5	82.8
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower by 19.8 p.c. than in 1935, but was substantially higher than in 1934 and 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August and September, 1936, and September, 1935. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	September 1936	August 1936	September 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 33,850	\$ 8,280	\$ 23,150
Nova Scotia	142,361	178,411	62,280
x Halifax	101,936	128,000	52,147
New Glasgow	2,075	440	4,800
x Sydney	38,350	49,971	5,333
New Brunswick	28,775	24,936	28,909
Fredericton	12,400	9,100	5,475
x Moncton	5,795	2,375	7,589
x Saint John	10,580	13,461	15,845
Quebec	893,827	839,479	583,517
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	780,417	695,822	359,618
x Quebec	20,640	66,307	168,454
Shawinigan Falls	16,270	6,325	520
x Sherbrooke	31,700	17,300	16,300
x Three Rivers	18,050	9,100	2,225
x Westmount	26,750	44,625	36,400
Ontario	1,858,010	1,815,415	1,617,653
Belleville	3,800	8,200	900
x Brantford	6,330	16,195	17,948
Chatham	12,150	14,000	4,400
x Fort William	39,550	15,350	15,700
Galt	30,492	34,775	44,225
x Guelph	20,640	12,045	11,136
x Hamilton	80,700	119,810	142,974
x Kingston	16,900	29,020	18,648
x Kitchener	88,382	44,036	16,085
x London	102,885	88,315	51,965
Niagara Falls	18,645	17,555	43,375
Oshawa	8,977	27,745	16,780
x Ottawa	162,365	222,032	63,300
Owen Sound	12,260	3,625	7,000
x Peterborough	31,240	23,523	13,374
x Port Arthur	17,370	32,260	25,335
x Stratford	7,560	1,330	5,295
x St. Catharines	16,529	185,954	31,278
x St. Thomas	8,375	475	14,300
Sarnia	16,266	32,845	8,460
Sault Ste. Marie	29,465	27,050	10,490
x Toronto	835,838	555,014	630,271
York and East York Townships	172,250	203,745	126,366
Welland	11,925	20,317	3,862
x Windsor	70,705	62,565	287,175
Riverside	2,275	1,750	1,100
Woodstock	34,136	15,884	5,911
Manitoba	154,925	154,985	116,930
x Brandon	29,950	4,595	2,100
St. Boniface	15,275	20,140	30,180
x Winnipeg	109,700	130,250	84,650
Saskatchewan	71,538	144,332	493,870
x Moose Jaw	4,240	1,835	8,036
x Regina	37,273	121,122	479,094
x Saskatoon	30,025	21,375	6,740
Alberta	124,692	130,352	105,402
x Calgary	45,035	30,100	53,887
x Edmonton	64,200	54,880	42,210
Lethbridge	14,542	44,412	9,015
Medicine Hat	915	960	290
British Columbia	336,582	376,655	300,204
Kamloops	1,035	10,050	5,175
Nanaimo	17,323	7,610	3,479
x New Westminster	16,200	43,600	9,300
Prince Rupert	1,300	225	1,005
x Vancouver	272,370	261,690	246,195
North Vancouver	850	2,890	1,385
x Victoria	27,504	50,580	33,365
Total - 58 Cities	3,644,560	3,672,845	3,331,915
Total - x 35 Cities	3,176,084	3,154,912	2,974,572

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1936, AND OCTOBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October was \$4,120,416; this was an increase of \$475,856 or 13.1 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$3,644,560; and was also higher by \$90,098 or 2.2 p.c. than in October, 1935, when the aggregate value was \$4,030,318.

The value of the building authorized in the first ten months of the present year was \$33,553,743; this was lower than the aggregate of \$40,711,114 reported in the period, January-October, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first ten months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in preceding years since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,495,000 and about 2,250 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$2,577,600. In addition, one city authorized an engineering project valued at \$1,280. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 360 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$1,135,000 and \$2,170,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1936, the gains of \$208,650 or 11.2 p.c. in Ontario, and \$160,823 or 129.0 p.c. in Alberta being greatest. The decreases in the remaining provinces were on a small scale.

In comparison with October, 1935, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Manitoba and Alberta reported the most pronounced increases, amounting to \$181,305 or 158.3 p.c., and \$201,251 or 233.8 p.c., respectively.

Toronto and Winnipeg showed increases as compared with September, 1936, and their totals were also higher than in October, 1935; in Vancouver, there was a small improvement over October, 1935, but a decline as compared with September, 1936, while in Montreal, the total was lower than in either of the comparisons.

Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, York and East York Townships, Riverside, Calgary, Kamloops, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria reported increases over September, 1936 and also as compared with October, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October, and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average, 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Index of value of permits issued in first ten months. (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months. (average 1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1936	4,120,416	33,553,743	24.9	85.0
1935	4,030,318	40,711,114	30.2	81.2
1934	2,598,024	22,313,170	16.5	82.8
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months was lower by 17.6 p.c. than in 1935, but was higher than in the same period of either 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 58 cities during September and October, 1936, and October, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	October 1936	September 1936	October 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 21,440	\$ 33,850	\$ 14,600
Nova Scotia	108,548	142,361	84,910
x Halifax	96,340	101,936	84,150
New Glasgow	2,778	2,075	760
x Sydney	9,430	38,350	-
New Brunswick	78,542	28,775	19,505
Fredericton	9,360	12,400	2,150
x Moncton	12,107	5,795	10,000
x Saint John	57,075	10,580	7,355
Quebec	856,870	893,827	1,256,754
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	607,895	780,417	675,042
x Quebec	87,823	20,640	530,070
Shawinigan Falls	43,465	16,270	26,882
x Sherbrooke	44,200	31,700	15,000
x Three Rivers	23,862	18,050	2,450
x Westmount	49,625	26,750	7,310
Ontario	2,066,660	1,858,010	2,118,719
Belleville	15,575	3,800	11,997
x Brantford	15,705	6,330	35,369
Chatham	25,480	12,150	4,900
x Fort William	8,000	39,550	10,575
Galt	6,404	30,492	3,319
x Guelph	13,637	20,640	13,678
x Hamilton	160,814	80,700	50,631
x Kingston	35,409	16,900	37,000
x Kitchener	75,450	88,382	61,475
x London	50,090	102,885	89,255
Niagara Falls	23,270	18,645	6,275
Oshawa	4,670	8,977	2,325
x Ottawa	127,800	162,365	590,480
Owen Sound	8,085	12,260	1,270
x Peterborough	19,755	31,240	23,777
x Port Arthur	16,738	17,370	11,478
x Stratford	9,075	7,560	9,755
x St. Catharines	45,680	16,529	8,068
x St. Thomas	2,620	8,375	3,885
Sarnia	7,775	16,266	7,000
Sault Ste. Marie	10,940	29,465	8,670
x Toronto	1,045,033	835,838	783,493
York and East York Townships	247,630	172,250	154,790
Welland	5,245	11,925	22,257
x Windsor	72,955	70,705	155,617
Riverside	9,135	2,275	2,900
Woodstock	3,690	34,136	8,480
Manitoba	295,850	154,925	114,545
x Brandon	-	29,950	1,100
St. Boniface	1,650	15,275	17,995
x Winnipeg	294,200	109,700	95,450
Saskatchewan	55,733	71,538	17,855
x Moose Jaw	4,613	4,240	4,975
x Regina	33,670	37,273	6,695
x Saskatoon	17,450	30,025	6,185
Alberta	285,515	124,692	84,264
x Calgary	219,855	45,035	17,783
x Edmonton	51,900	64,200	50,170
Lethbridge	12,960	14,542	15,746
Medicine Hat	800	915	565
British Columbia	351,258	336,582	319,166
Kamloops	6,900	1,035	5,430
Nanaimo	6,270	17,323	2,625
x New Westminster	15,950	16,200	24,445
Prince Rupert	3,880	1,300	2,800
x Vancouver	251,440	272,370	247,555
North Vancouver	3,115	850	950
x Victoria	63,703	27,504	35,361
Total - 58 Cities	4,120,416	3,644,560	4,030,318
Total - 35 Cities	3,639,899	3,176,084	3,705,632

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1936,
AND NOVEMBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$3,030,425. This was a seasonal decline of \$1,089,991, or 26.5 p.c., as compared with the October figure of \$4,120,416, while the total was also lower by \$417,228, or 12.1 p.c., than in November, 1935, when the estimated value of the building authorized by these cities was \$3,447,653.

The value of the building permits taken out in the first eleven months of the present year was \$36,584,168; this was lower than the aggregate of \$44,158,767 reported in the period January-November, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first eleven months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for November, 1936, showing that they had issued over 280 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,198,000, and about 1,400 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,600,000. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,250 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,495,000 and \$2,577,600, respectively, while an engineering project valued at \$1,280 was also undertaken.

British Columbia reported a slight increase in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1936, but elsewhere reductions were indicated, that of \$396,365, or 19.2 p.c., in Ontario being largest.

As compared with November, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$119,596 or 23.1 p.c. in Quebec. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$685,986 or 29.3 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

Of the four largest centres, Vancouver recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with November of last year. In Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1935, but lower than in October of this year, while Toronto showed a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Brantford, Galt, Hamilton, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported higher building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1936	\$3,030,425	\$36,534,168	25.5	85.2
1935	3,447,653	34,158,737	36.5	81.2
1934	2,622,534	21,875,764	37.2	82.7
1933	1,624,138	19,733,204	33.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	23.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,727,739	22.0	82.1
1930	11,821,252	173,825,694	20.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	203,255,667	19.0	99.1
1928	15,830,830	161,610,555	19.5	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,158,516	119.7	36.2
1926	9,975,451	144,471,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,923,765	117,665,590	31.2	102.9
1924	10,212,905	120,119,829	42.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	37.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	133,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,004	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	102,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower by 17.2 p.c. than in 1935, but was higher than in the same period of either 1934 or 1933. With these exceptions, the 1936 total to date was lower than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though slightly higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in the months January to November of other years since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1936, and November, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	November, 1936	October, 1936	November, 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 2,250	\$ 21,440	\$ 3,650
Nova Scotia	98,627	108,548	80,885
x Halifax	80,727	96,340	71,235
New Glasgow	6,000	2,778	1,900
x Sydney	11,900	9,430	7,750
New Brunswick	66,552	78,512	11,735
Fredericton	36,600	9,360	450
x Moncton	2,975	12,107	1,508
x Saint John	26,977	57,075	9,777
Quebec	638,326	856,870	518,730
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	503,773	607,895	428,115
x Quebec	43,690	87,823	60,245
Shawinigan Falls	3,003	43,465	200
x Sherbrooke	44,850	44,200	16,100
x Three Rivers	13,010	23,862	1,400
x Westmount	30,000	49,625	12,670
Ontario	1,670,295	2,066,660	2,356,276
Belleville	1,200	15,575	125
x Brantford	22,138	15,705	15,736
Chatham	4,250	25,480	2,175
x Fort William	6,800	8,000	4,300
Galt	10,305	6,404	2,206
x Guelph	2,420	13,637	15,846
x Hamilton	179,805	160,814	142,305
x Kingston	7,915	35,409	15,250
x Kitchener	31,560	75,450	77,589
x London	38,310	50,090	252,730
Niagara Falls	5,010	23,270	280
Oshawa	3,100	4,670	2,100
x Ottawa	76,455	127,800	358,000
Owen Sound	5,600	8,085	4,300
x Peterborough	31,779	19,755	9,680
x Port Arthur	6,526	16,738	4,889
x Stratford	4,355	9,075	850
x St. Catharines	185,385	45,680	40,744
x St. Thomas	821,351	1,045,033	1,097,798
Sarnia	825	2,620	1,005
Sault Ste. Marie	4,150	7,775	55,458
x Toronto	11,655	10,940	5,995
York and East York Townships	136,870	247,630	219,940
Welland	3,712	5,245	3,350
x Windsor	60,872	72,955	17,665
Riverside	250	9,135	350
Woodstock	7,697	3,690	5,610
Manitoba	70,200	295,850	56,250
x Brandon	2,700	Nil	1,600
St. Boniface	8,800	1,650	50
x Winnipeg	58,700	294,200	54,600
Saskatchewan	25,845	55,733	115,165
x Moose Jaw	4,520	4,613	85,225
x Regina	12,850	33,670	23,390
x Saskatoon	8,475	17,450	6,550
Alberta	96,116	285,515	30,663
x Calgary	68,041	219,855	15,961
x Edmonton	13,005	51,900	6,180
Lethbridge	14,740	12,960	4,587
Medicine Hat	330	800	3,935
British Columbia	362,214	351,258	274,299
Kamloops	7,120	6,900	2,951
Nanaimo	48,685	6,270	2,931
x New Westminster	17,000	15,950	16,425
Prince Rupert	275	3,880	3,305
x Vancouver	254,015	251,440	216,955
North Vancouver	1,055	3,115	370
x Victoria	34,064	63,703	31,362
Total - 58 Cities	3,030,425	4,120,416	3,447,653
Total - x35 Cities	2,707,763	3,639,899	3,121,435

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